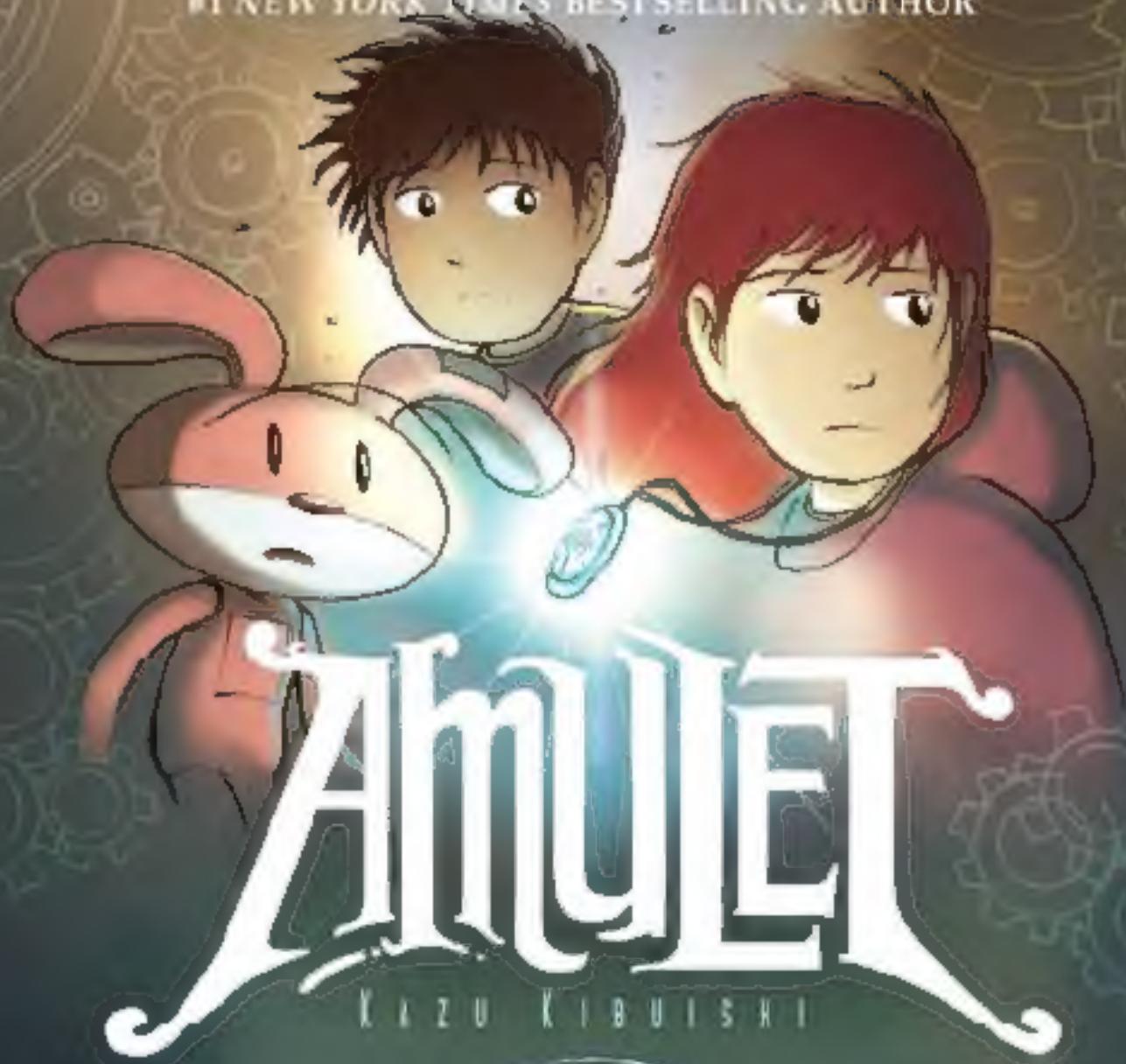


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A high-angle, nighttime aerial photograph of a coastal town. The town is densely packed with buildings, their lights forming a grid of warm, yellowish-orange points. A single, extremely bright, streaky light source, possibly a meteor or a satellite, cuts across the upper portion of the town, creating a sharp contrast. The town is situated on a dark, hilly landscape that slopes down to a bright, sandy beach in the foreground. The sky is dark and clear.

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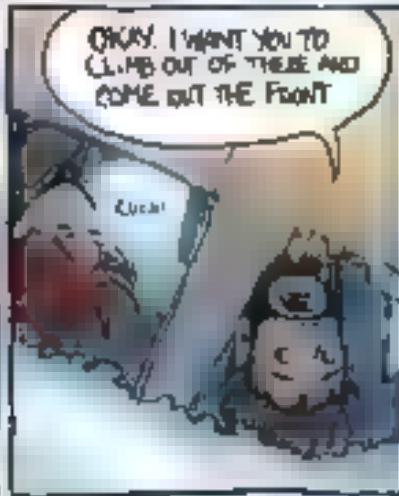




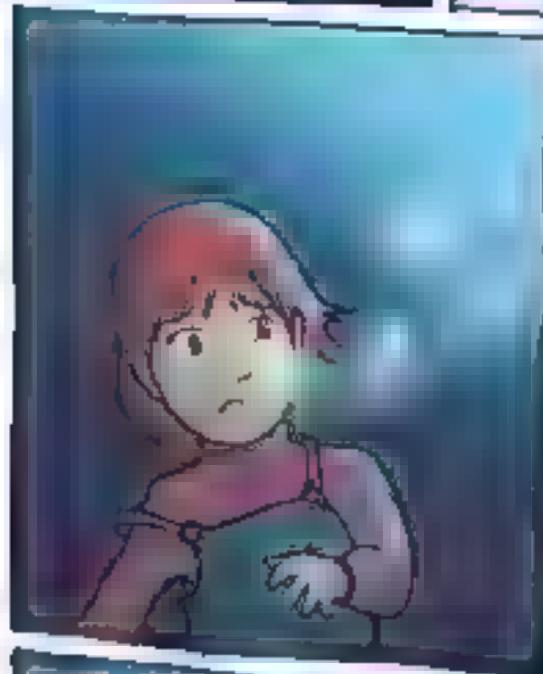






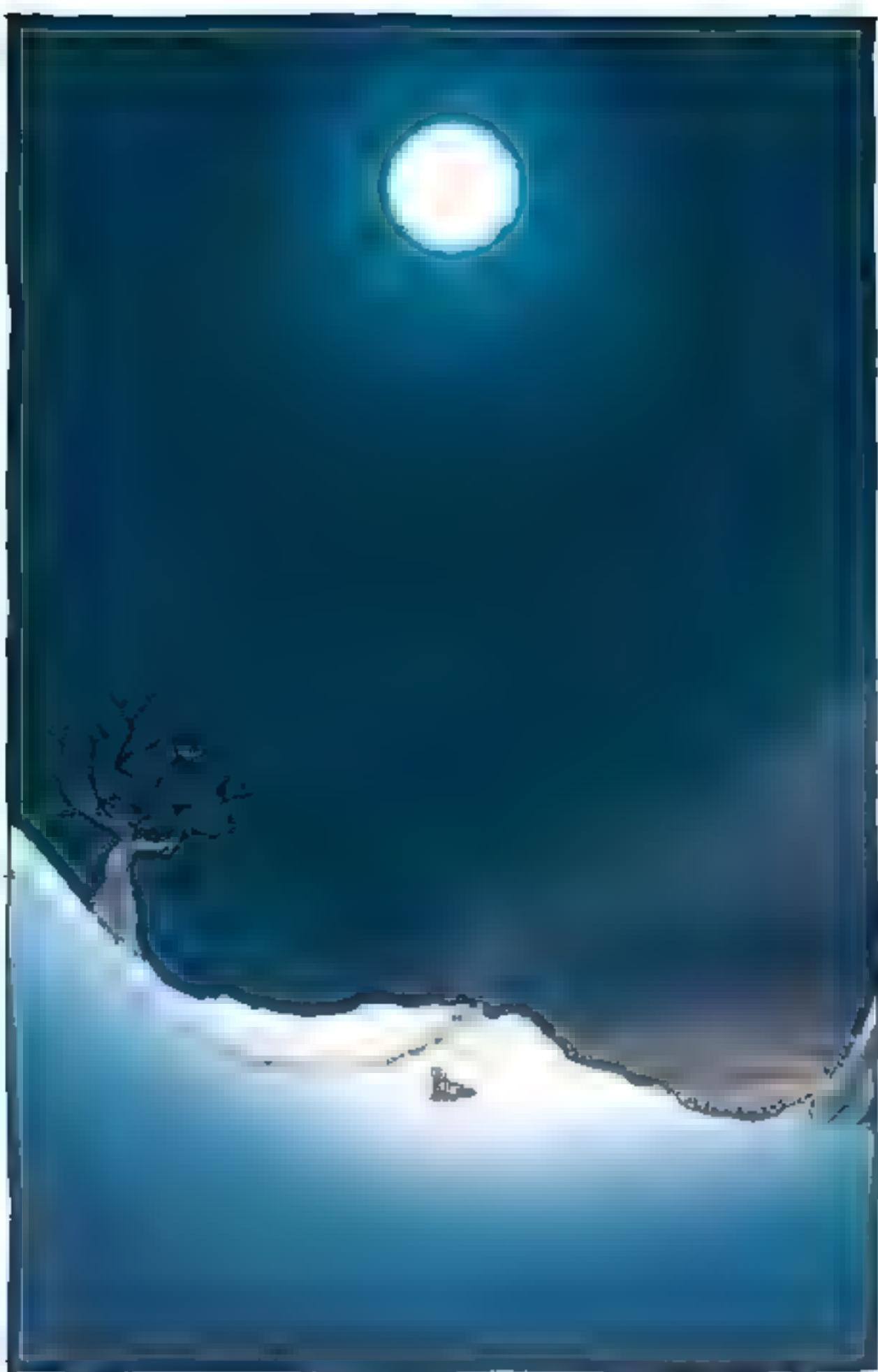








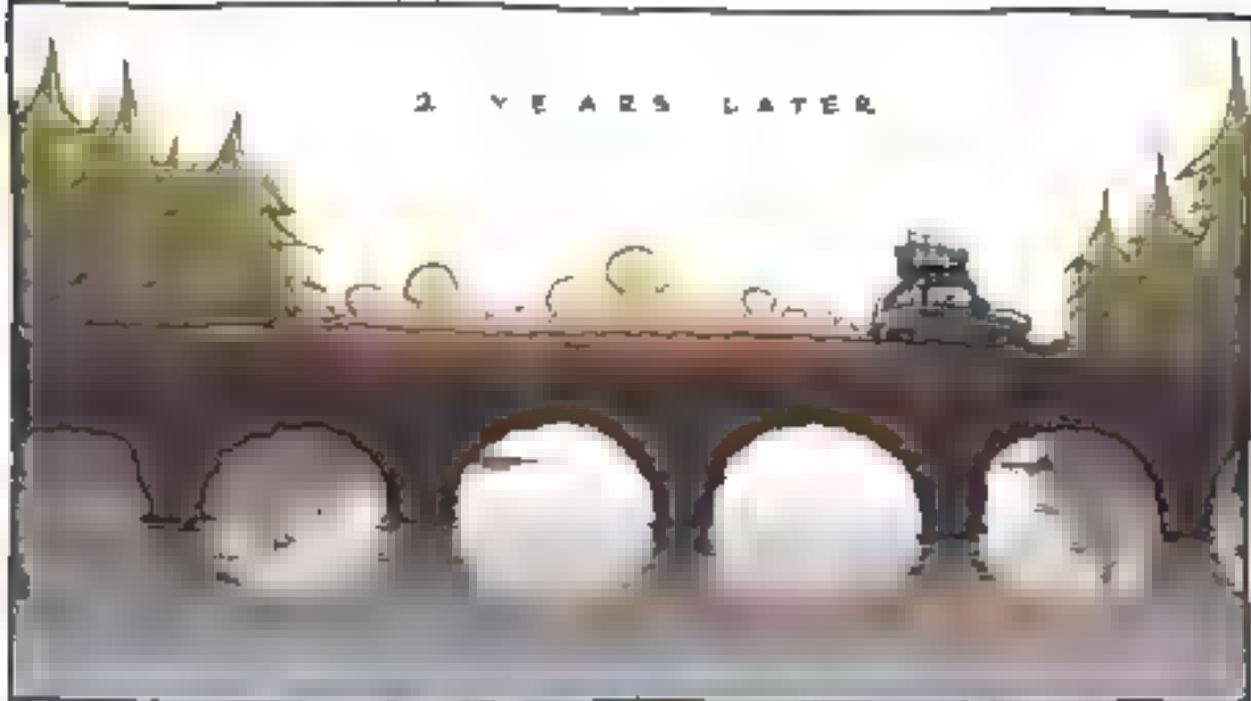




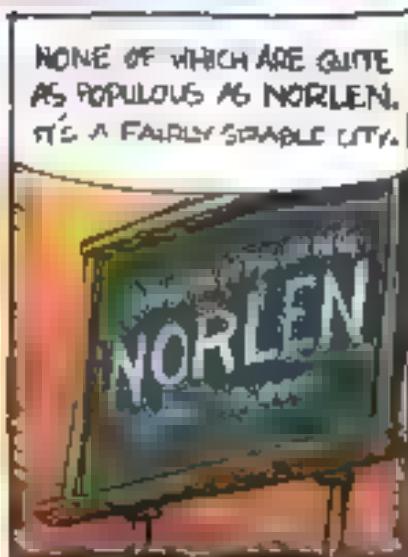


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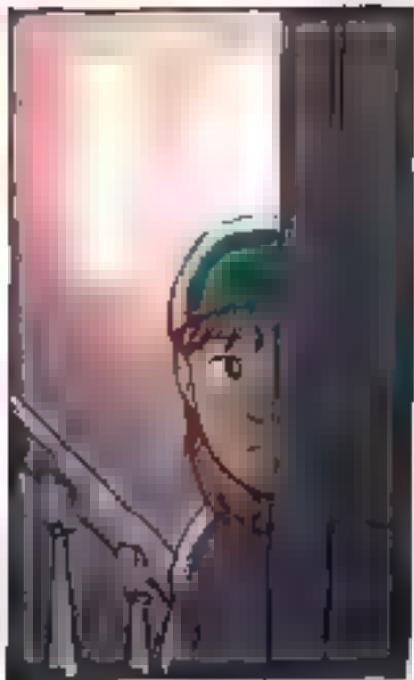


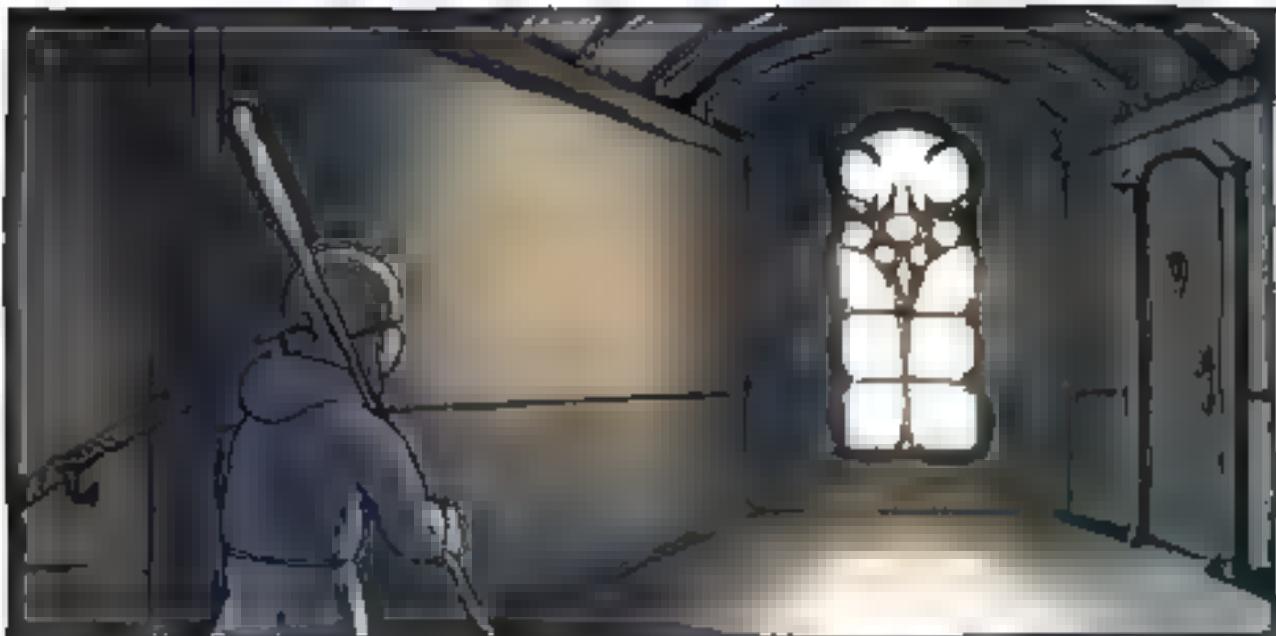


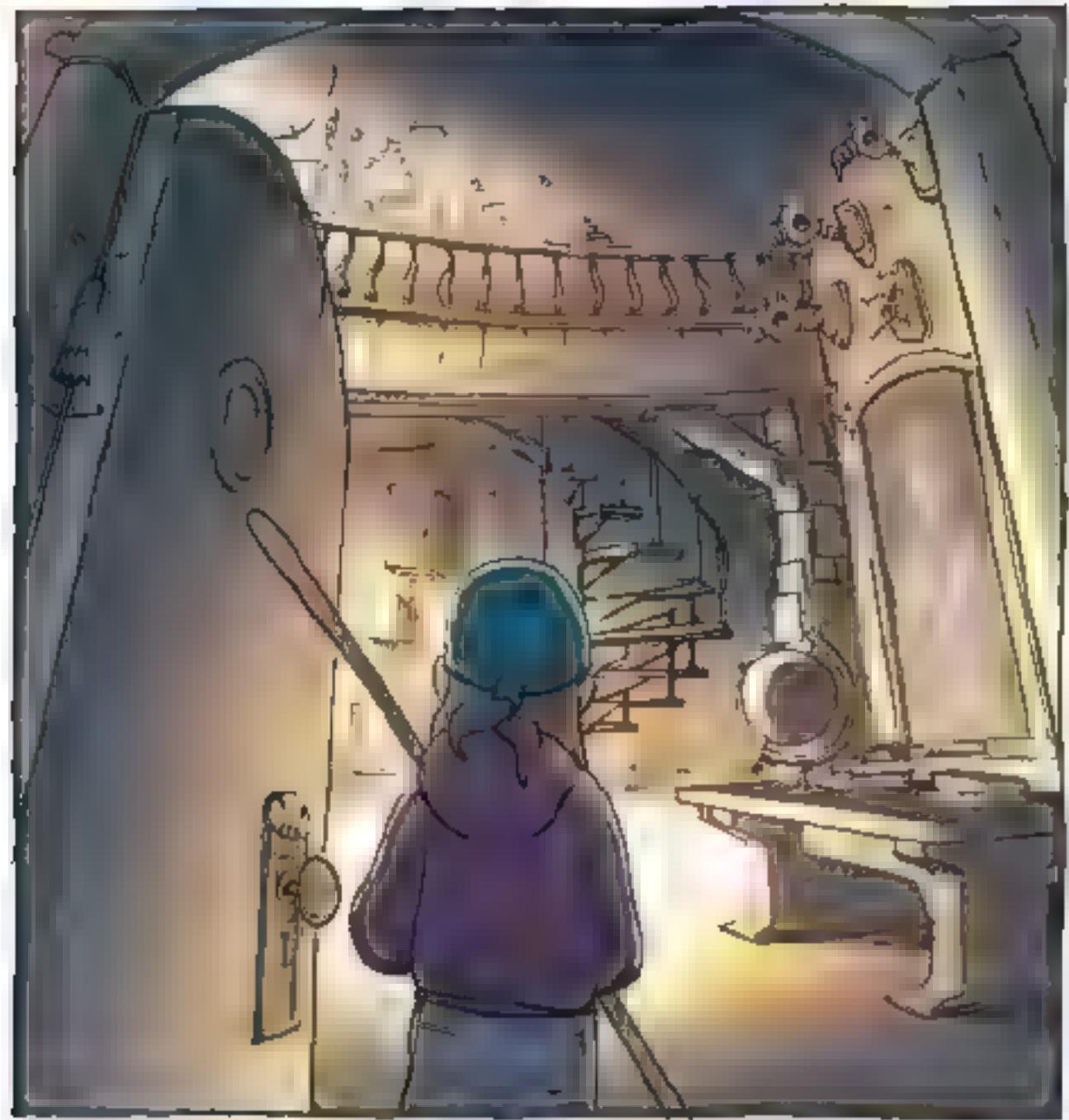
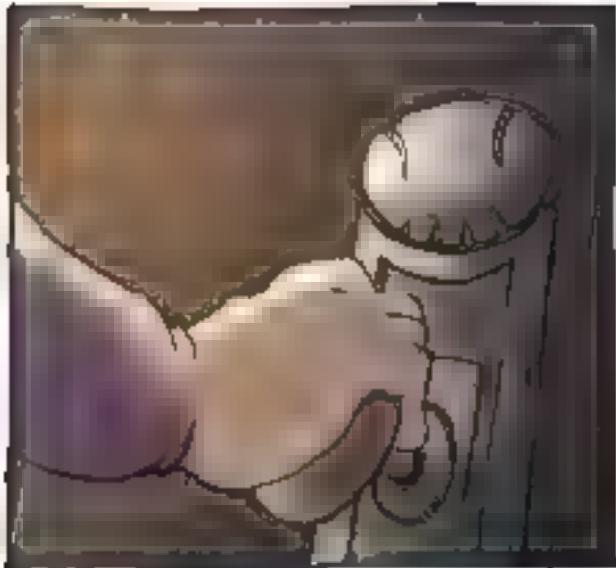




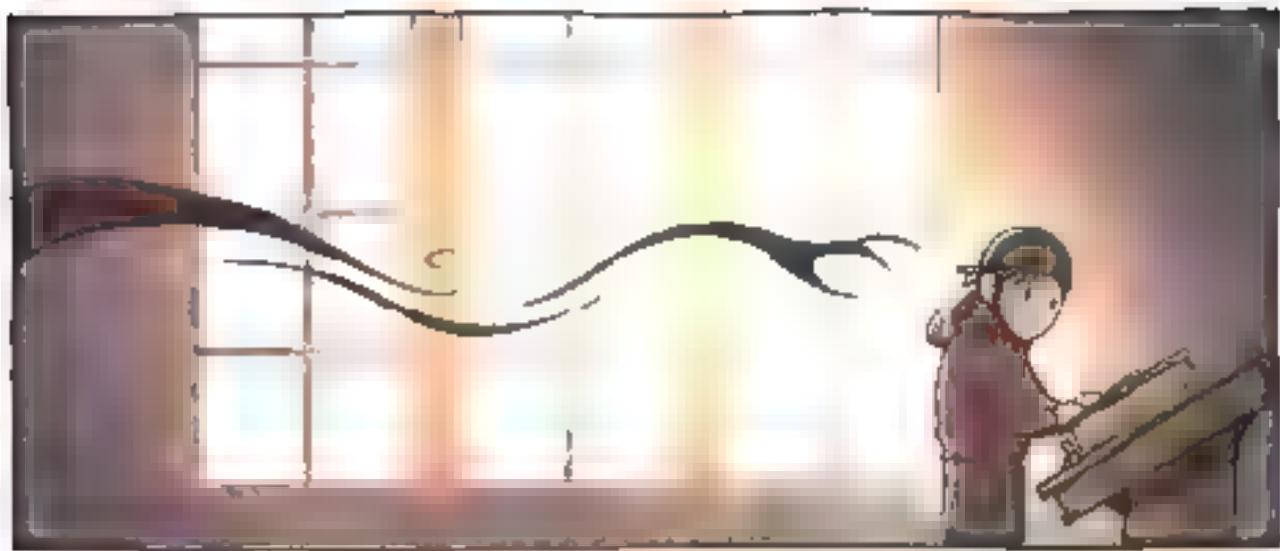


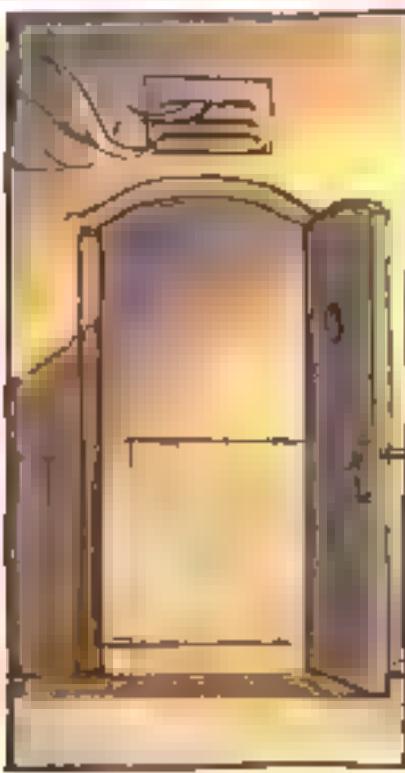


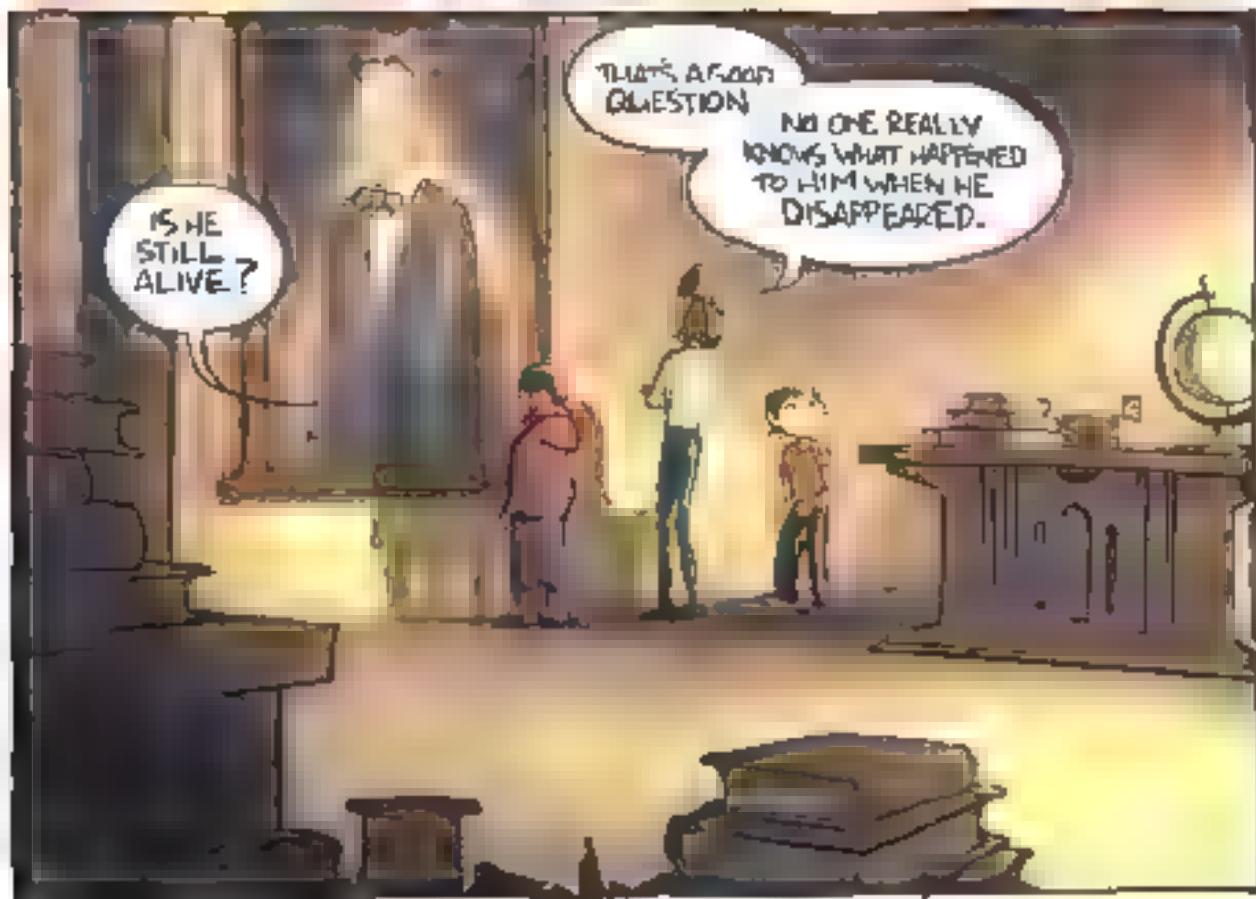












DISAPPEARED?

AFTER YOUR GREAT GRANDMOTHER ISABEL PASSED AWAY, SILAS LOCKED HIMSELF IN THIS HOUSE AND WAS NEVER SEEN AGAIN.

THIS IS WHY THE LOCALS THINK THIS PLACE IS HAUNTED.

IS IT?

OF COURSE NOT.

NAVIN!

GET DOWN FROM THERE!

C'MON, MOM!
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT!

THERE'S NOTHING UP HERE BUT OLD JUNK!

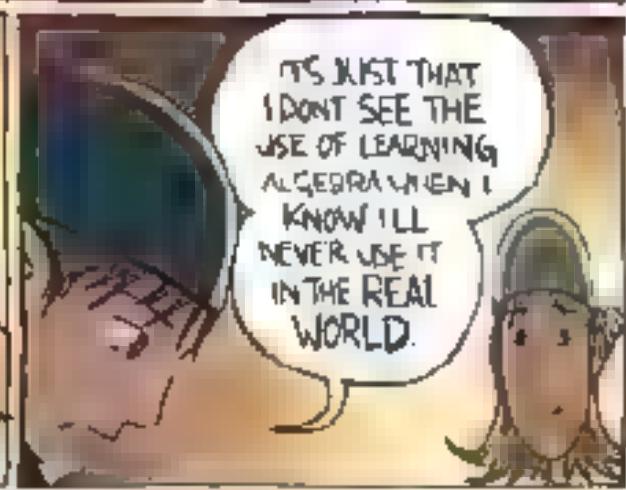
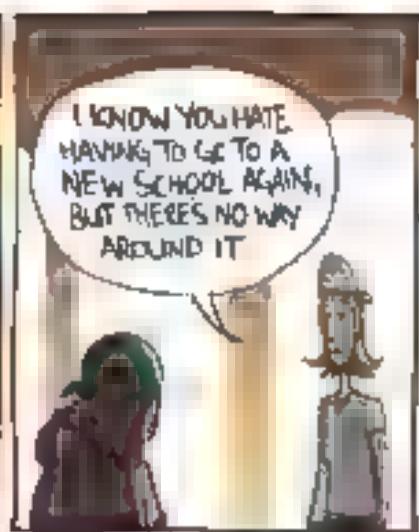
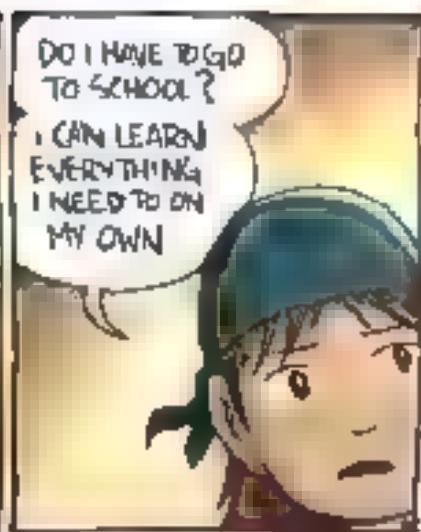
THERE ARE SO MANY BLUEPRINTS. WAS HE AN ARCHITECT?

NO.

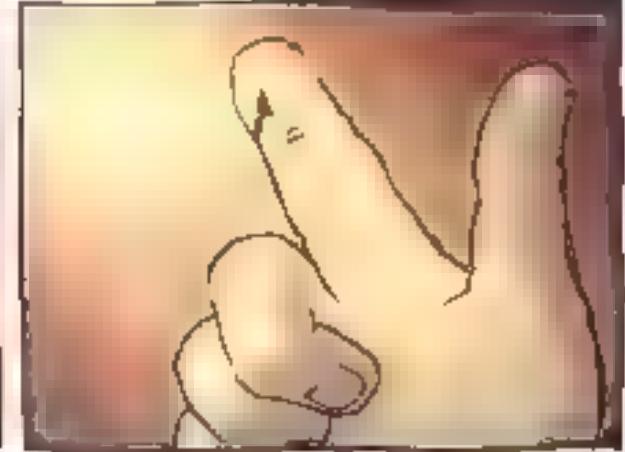
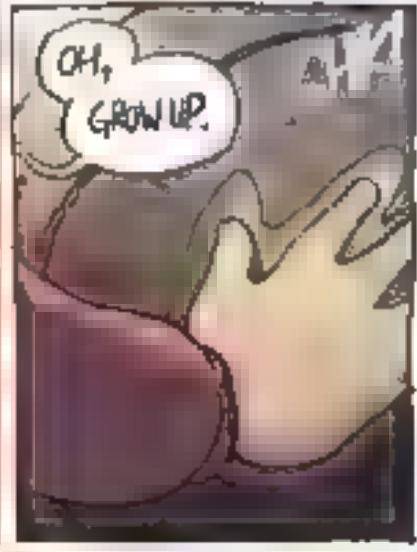
SILAS WAS A PUZZLE MAKER. I KNOW HE WAS PROUD OF THAT FACT.

ALTHOUGH, I ALWAYS THOUGHT HIS PUZZLES LOOKED MORE LIKE TOYS OR MACHINES.

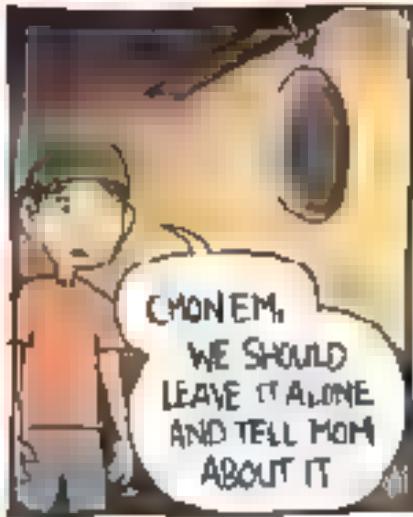
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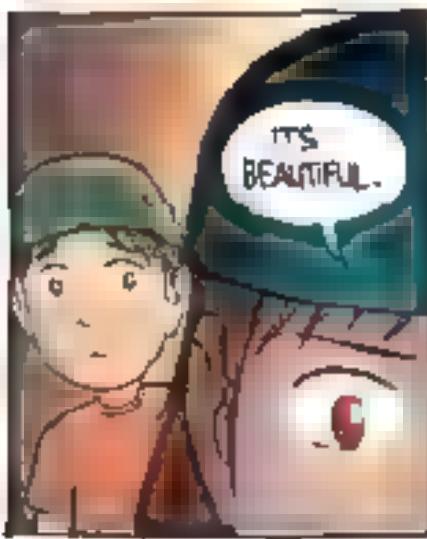
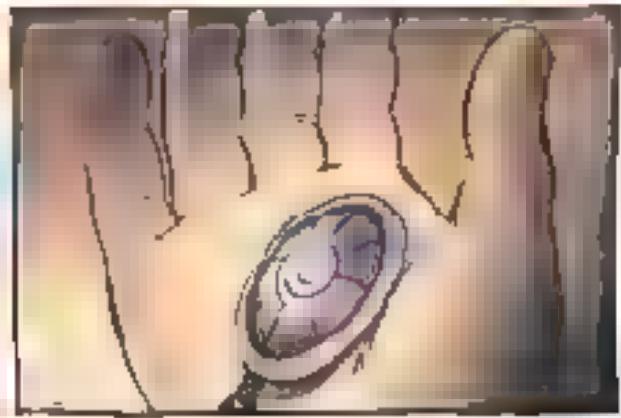


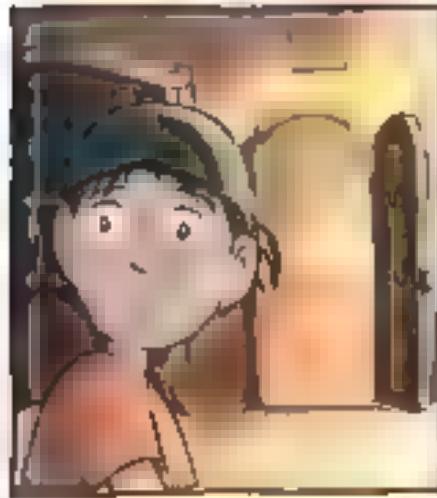












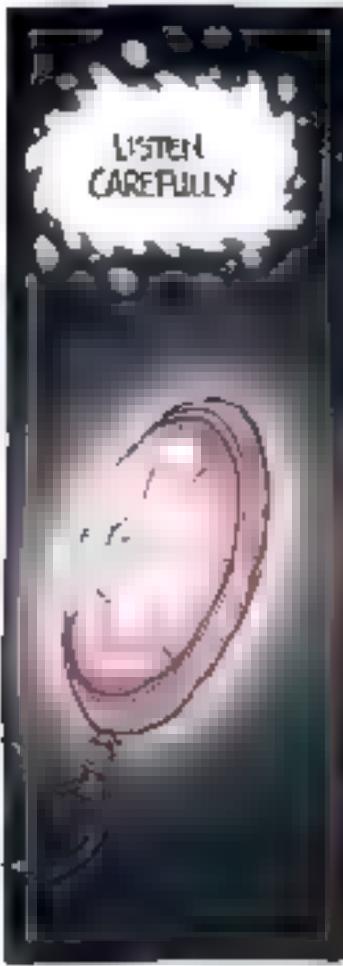
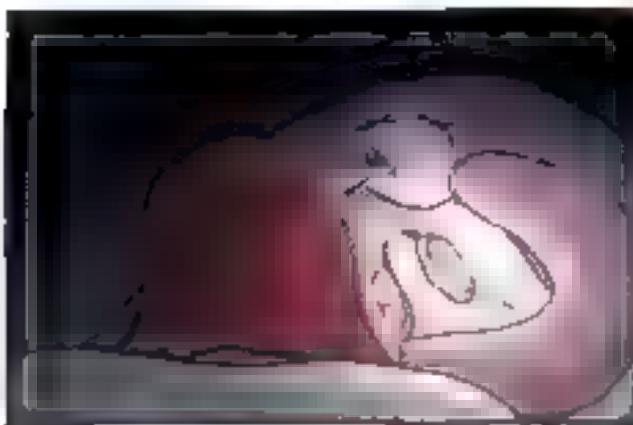
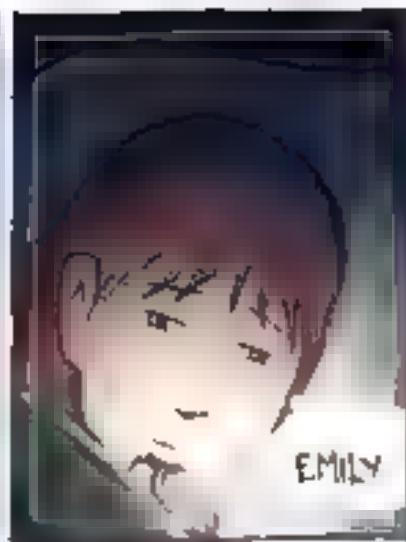


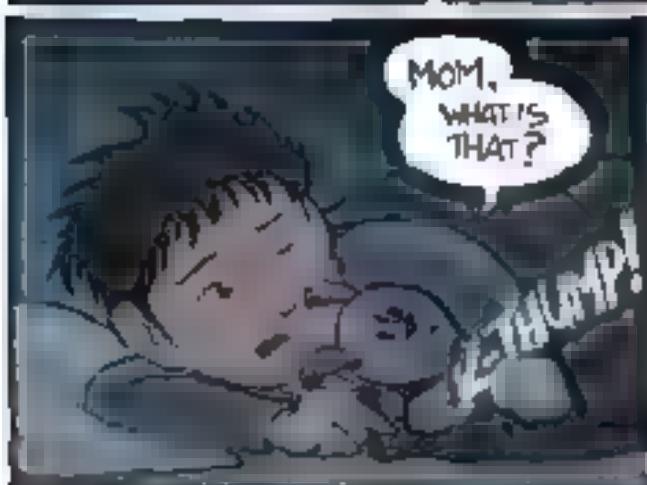






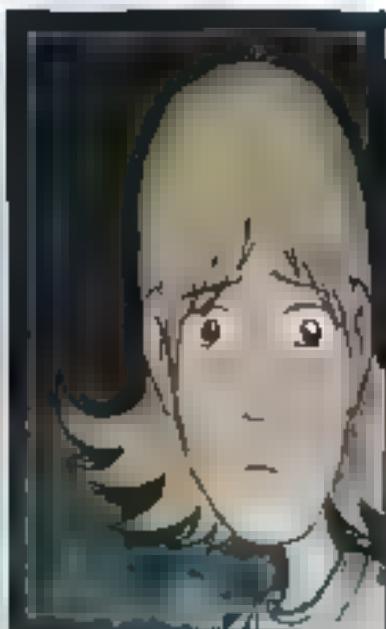


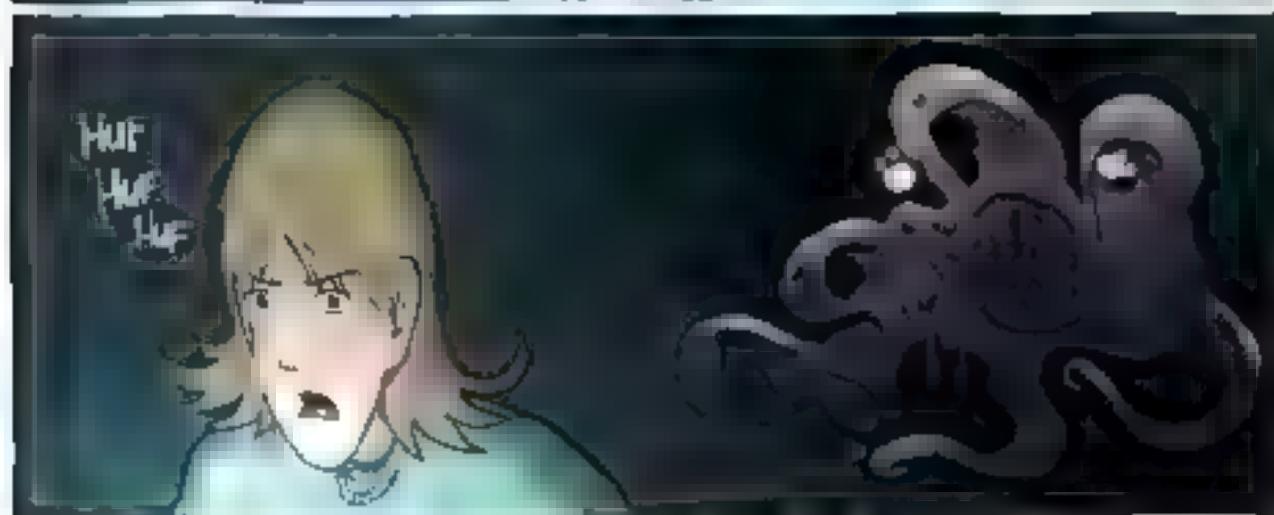








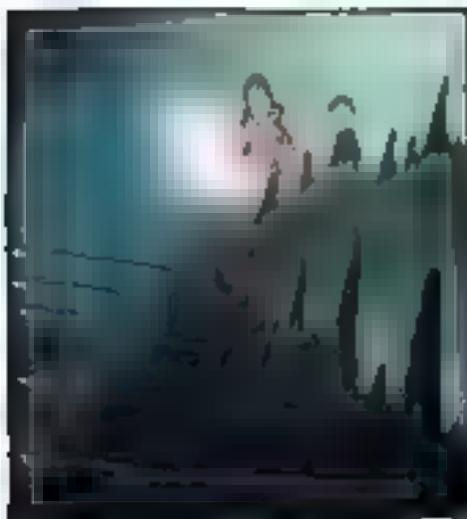


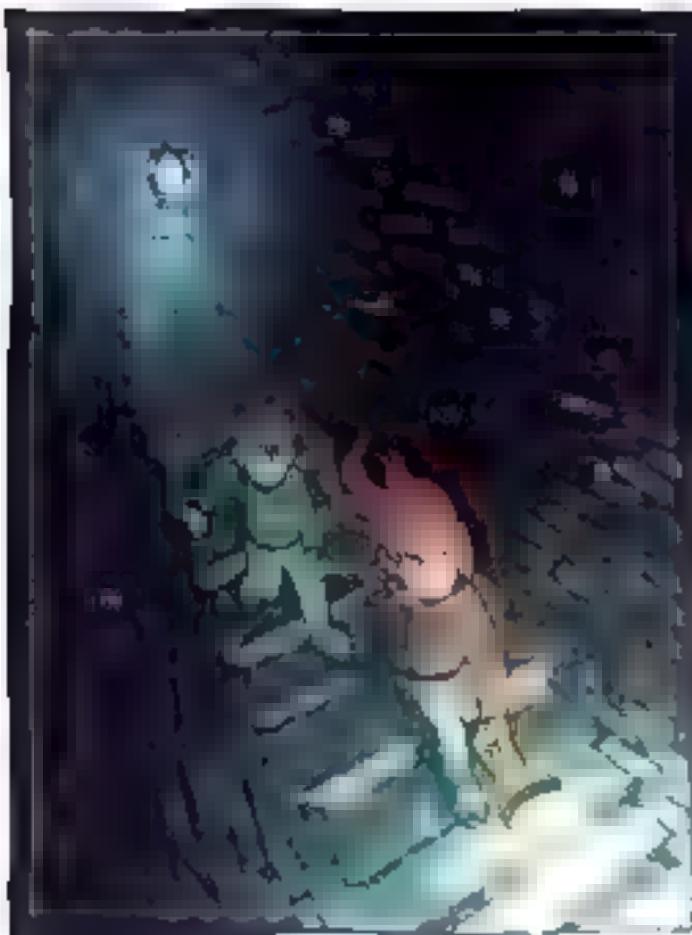








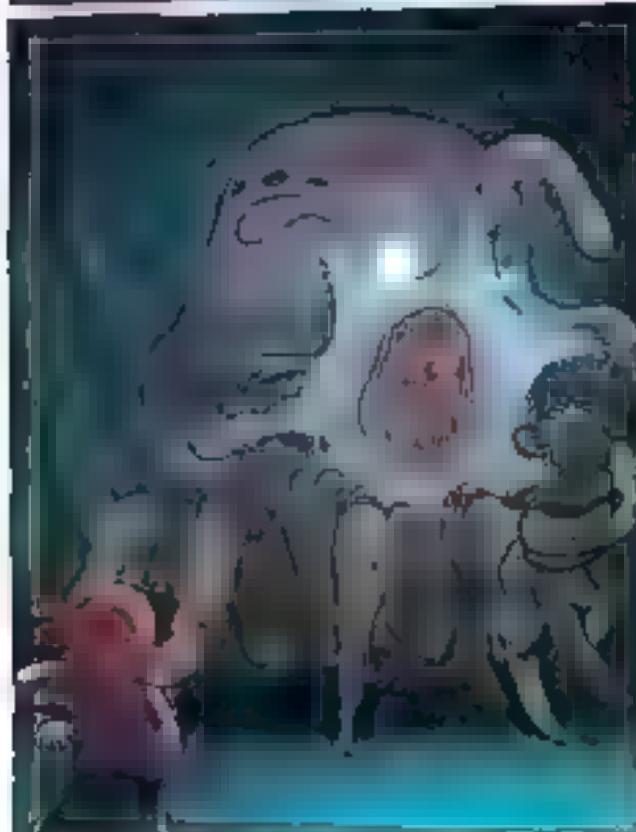




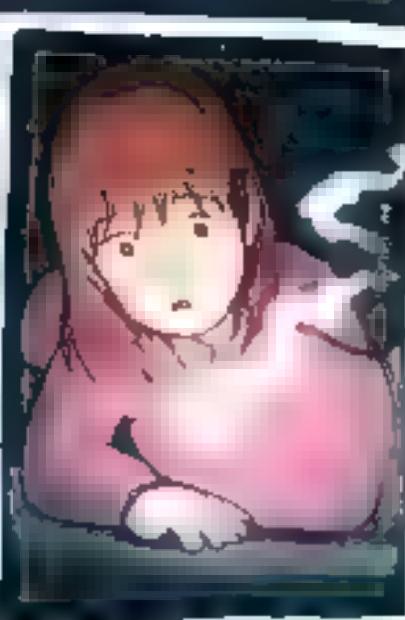




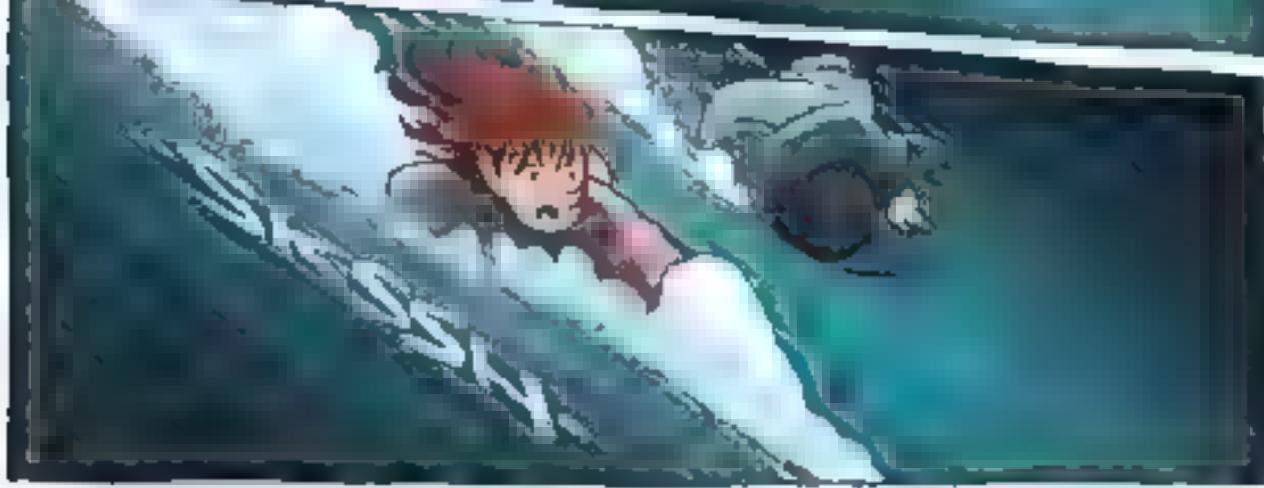


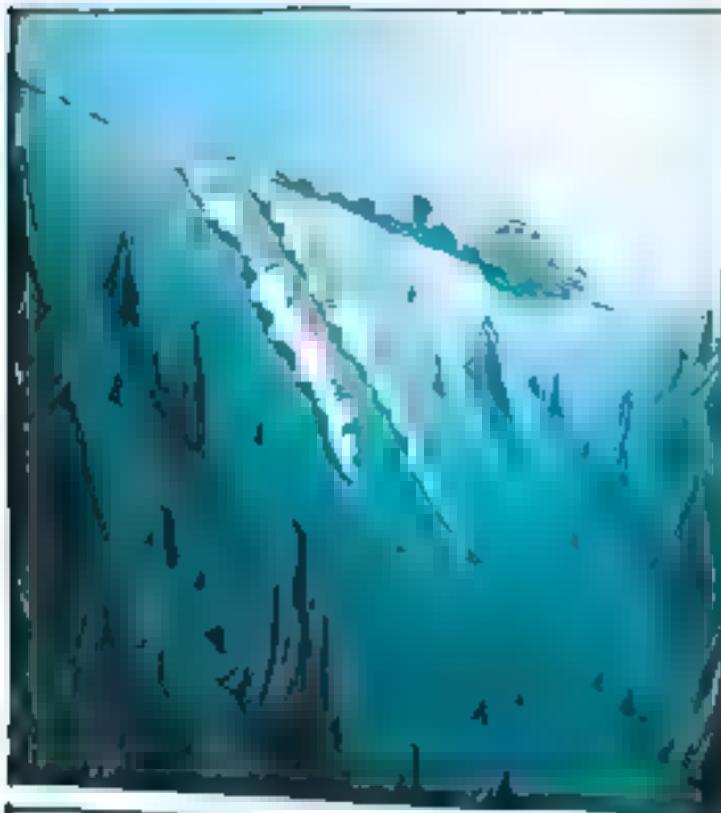




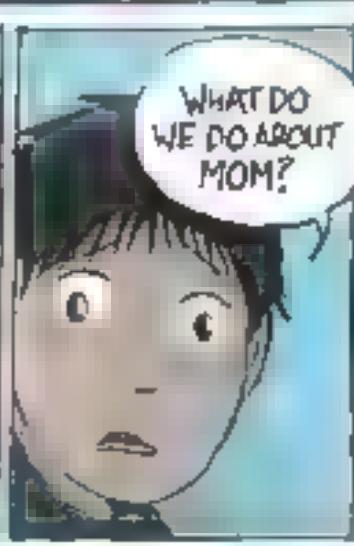


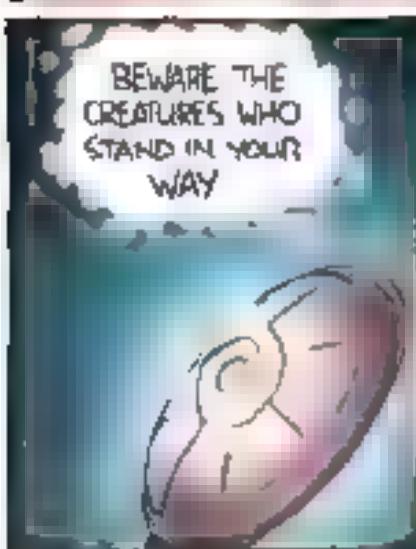




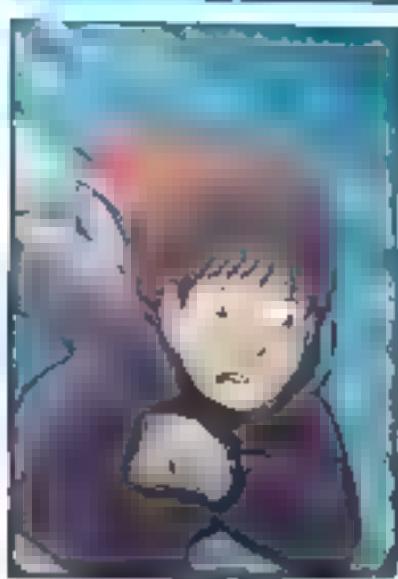


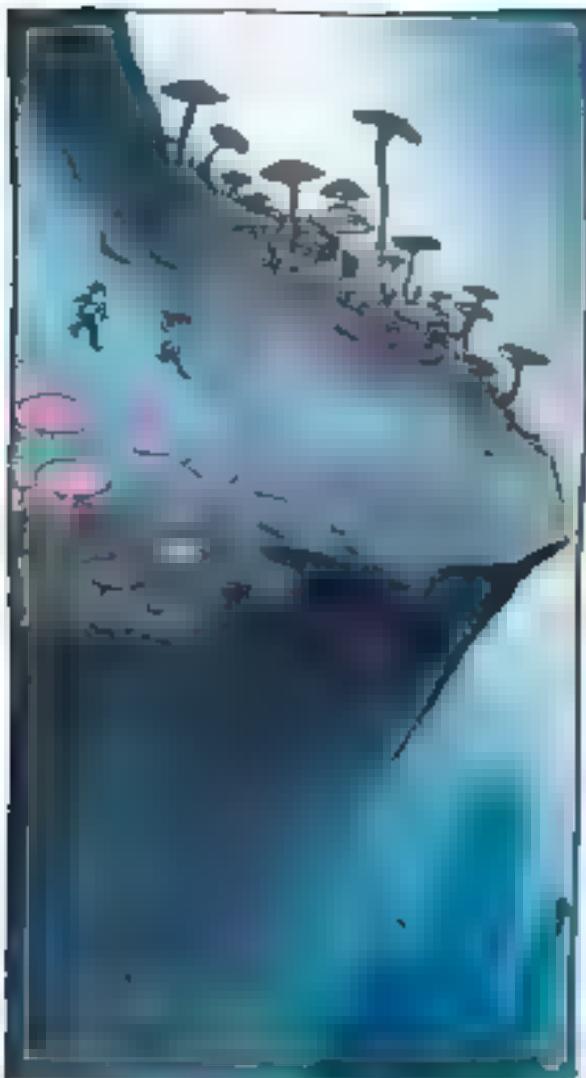








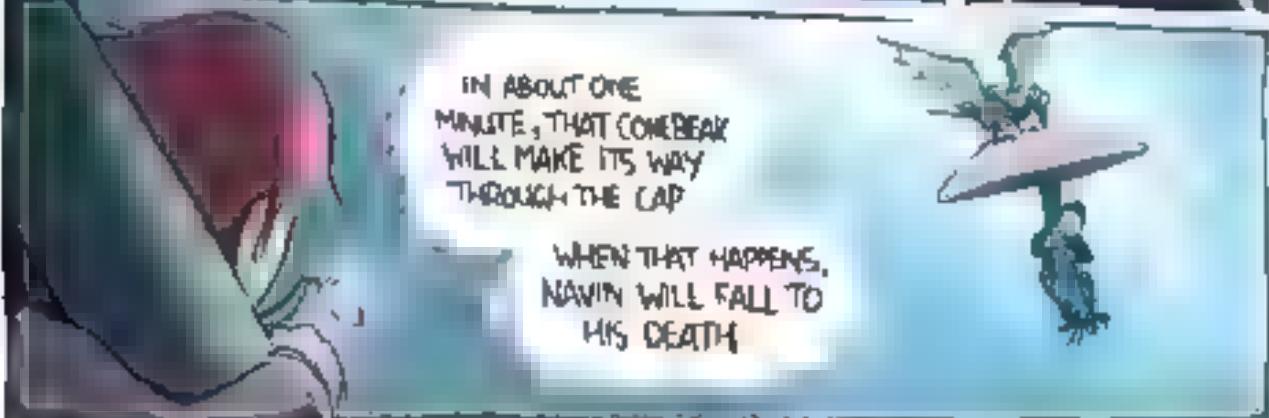




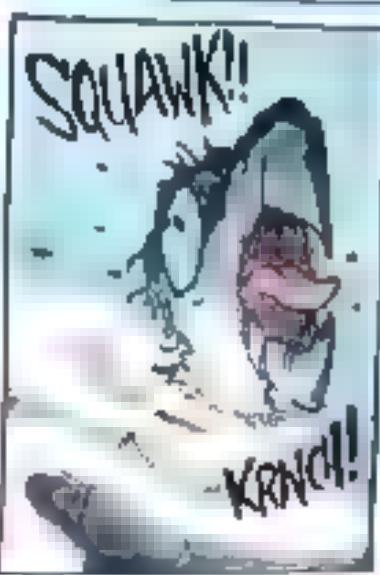


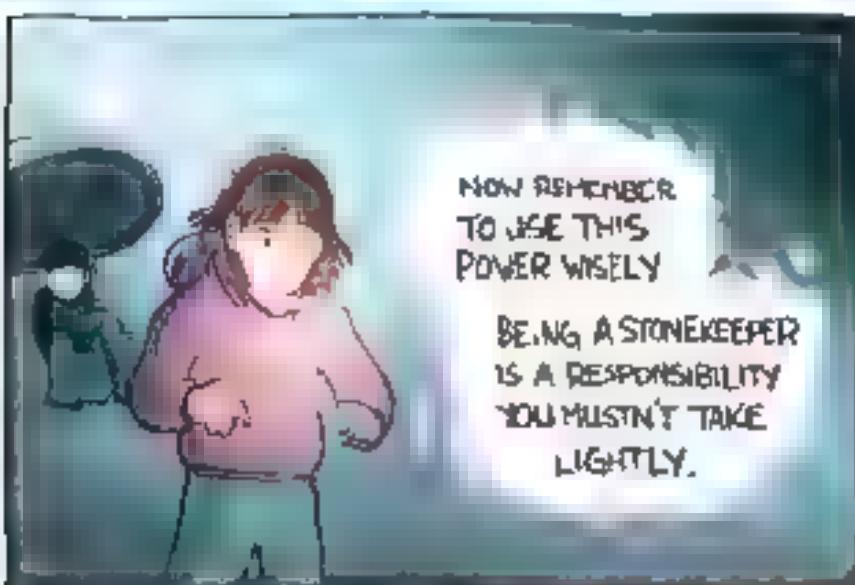




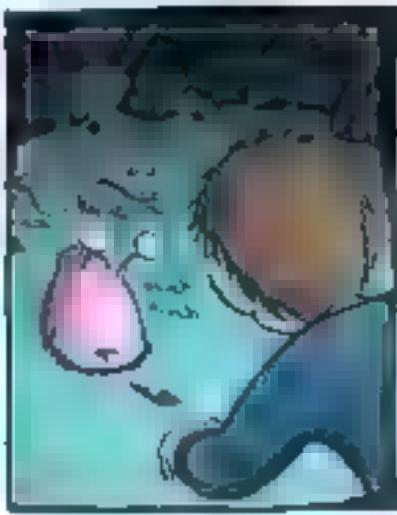
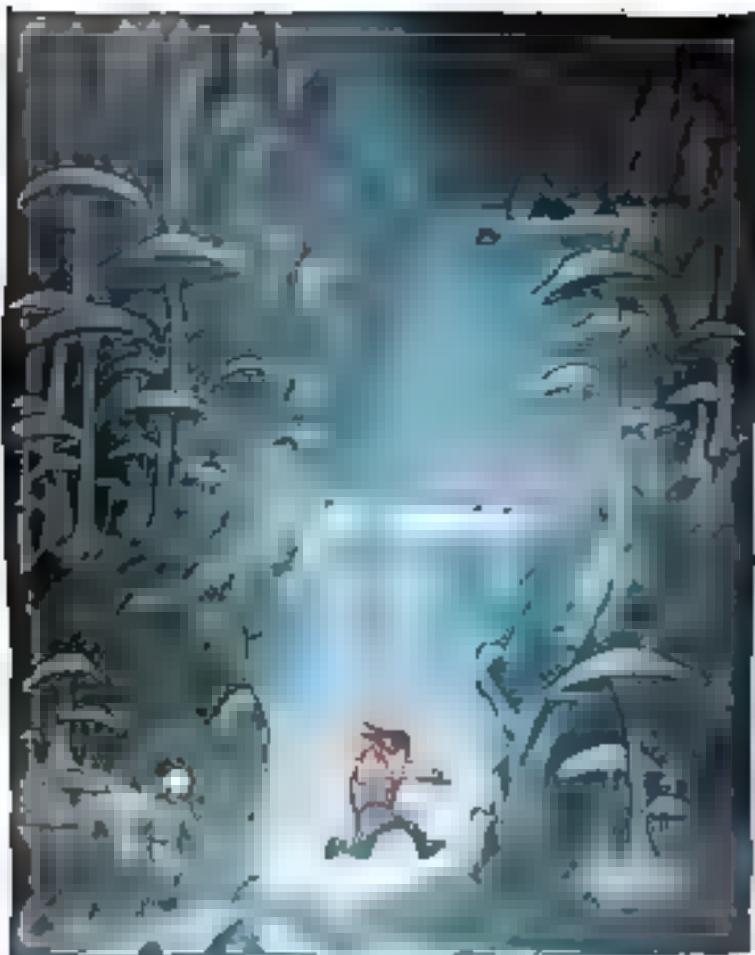




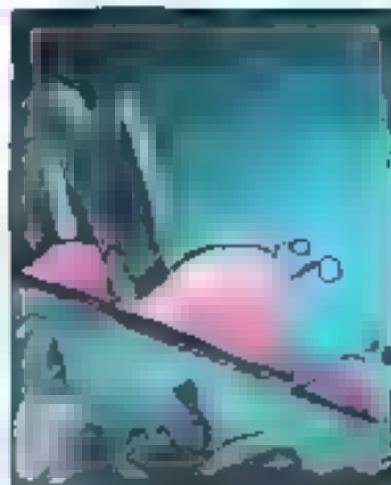


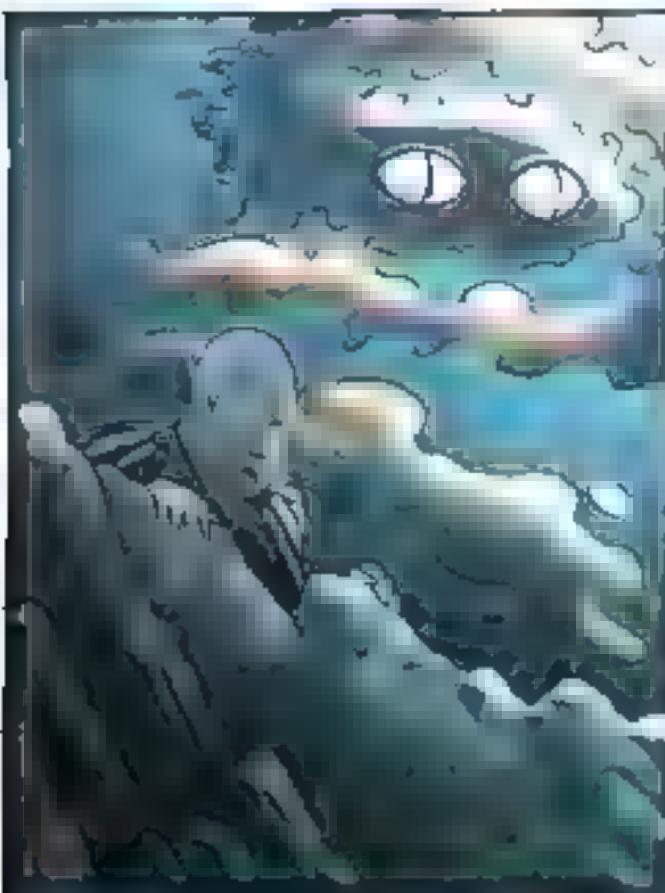






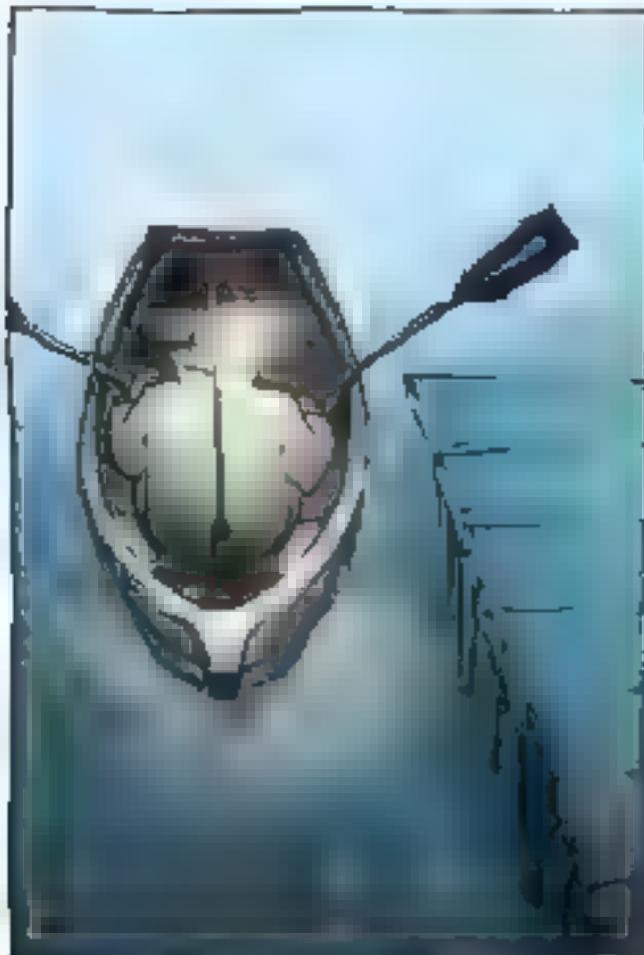


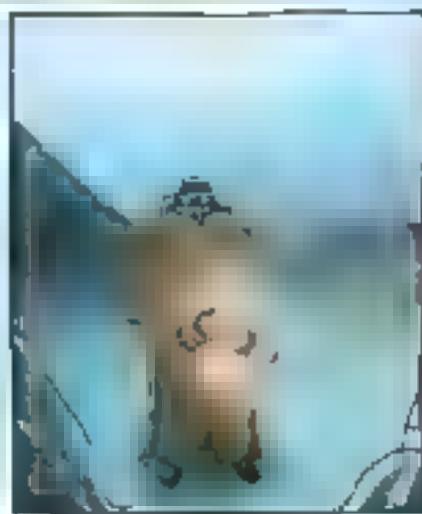
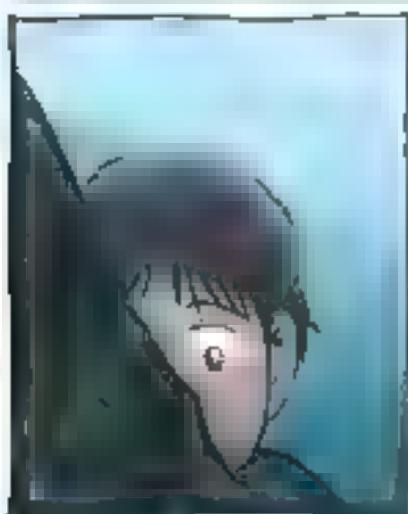


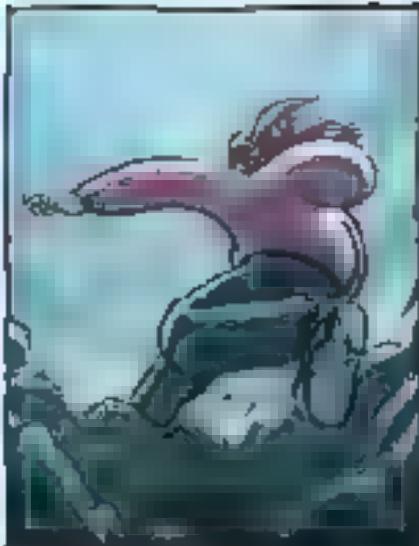


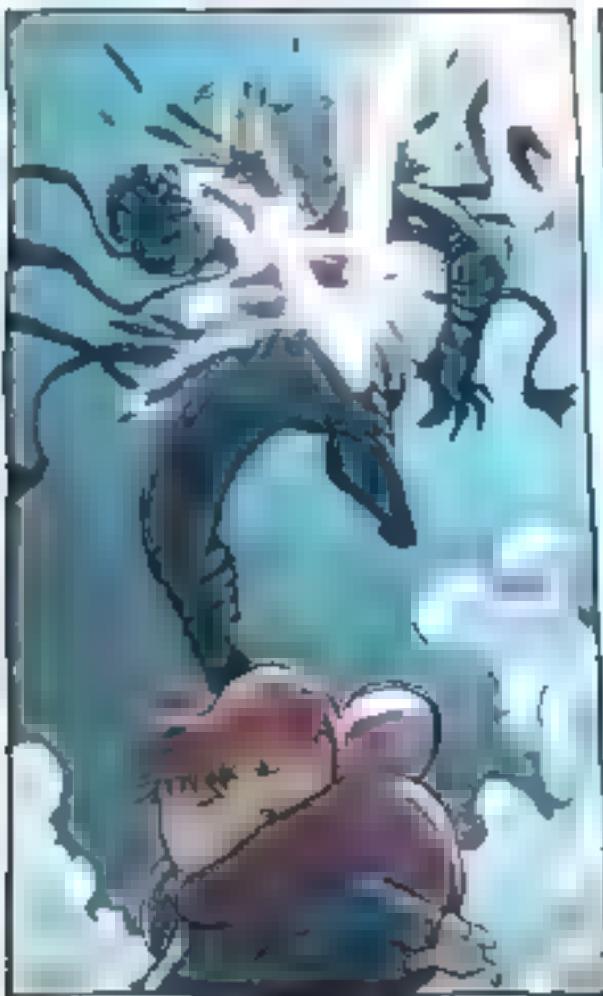


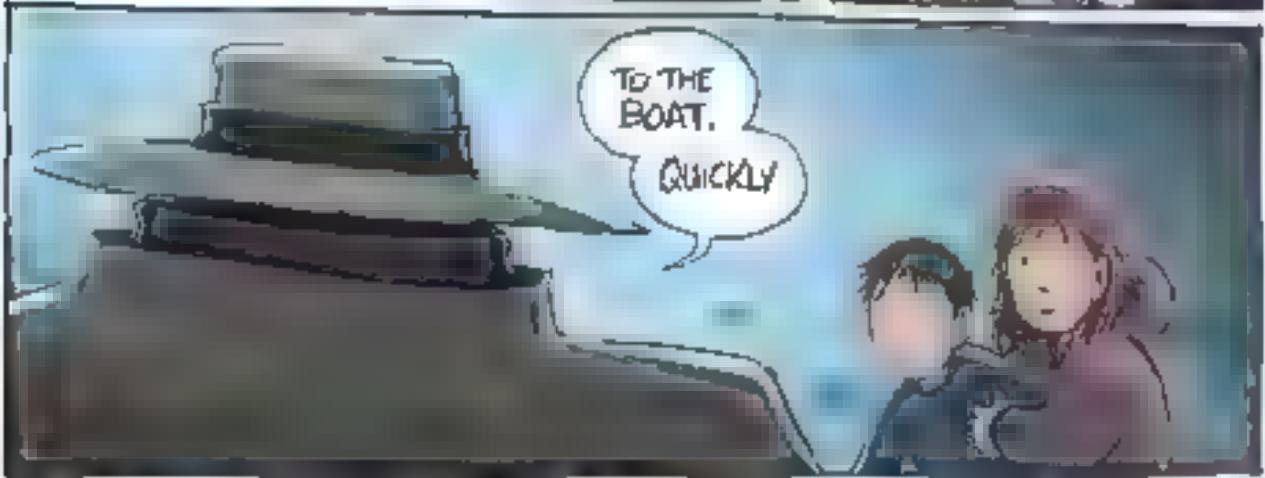


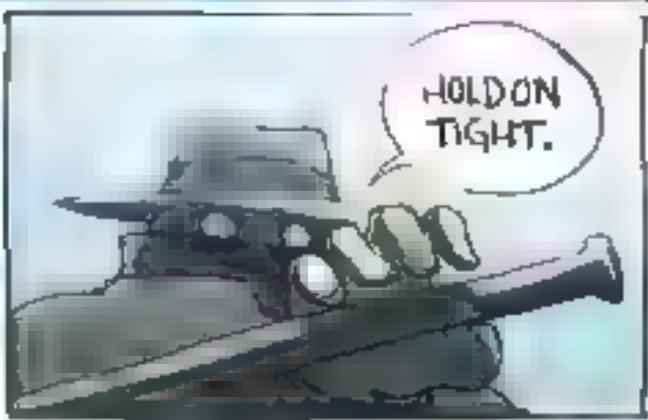
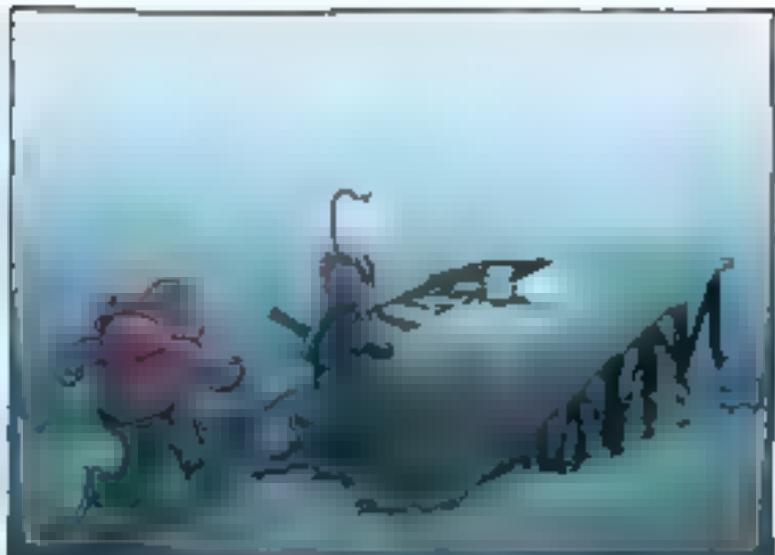










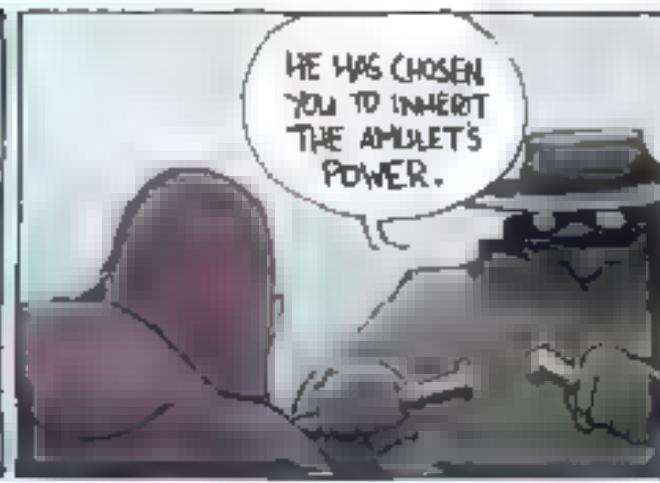






INTRODUCED





YOU WILL HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY
TO ASK HIM
YOURSELF.



HE HAS BEEN
WAITING A LONG
TIME TO MEET
YOU



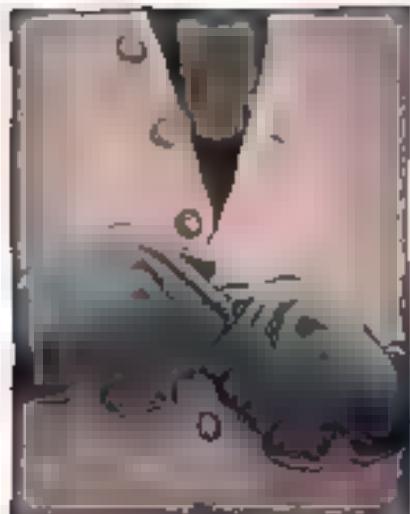
WATCH
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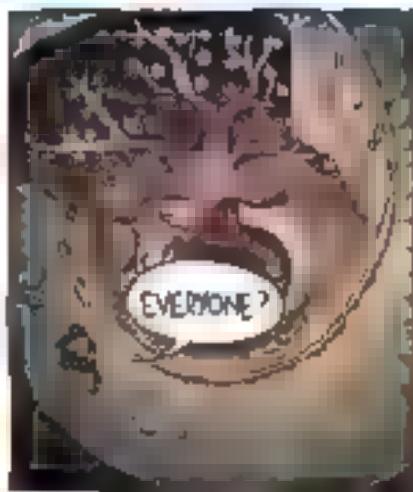
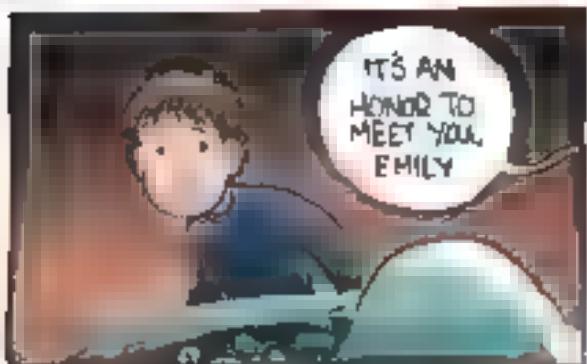


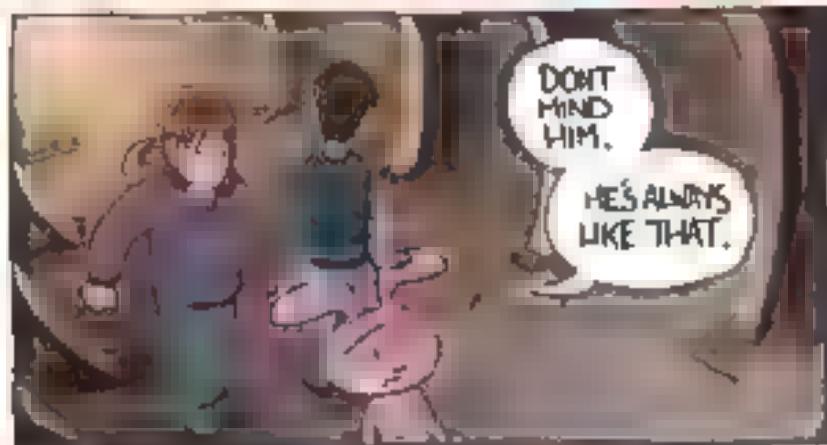




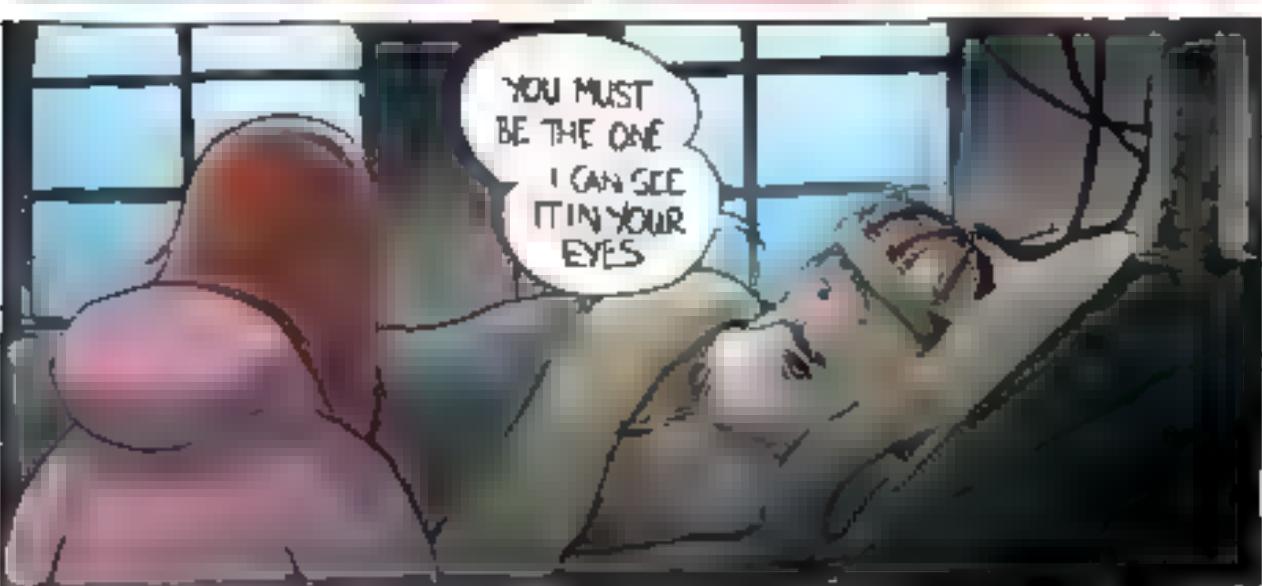
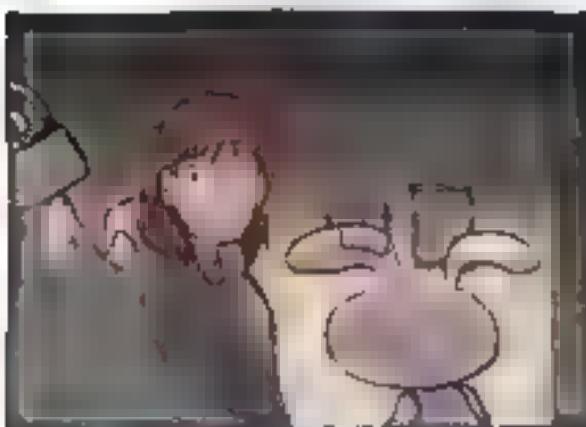
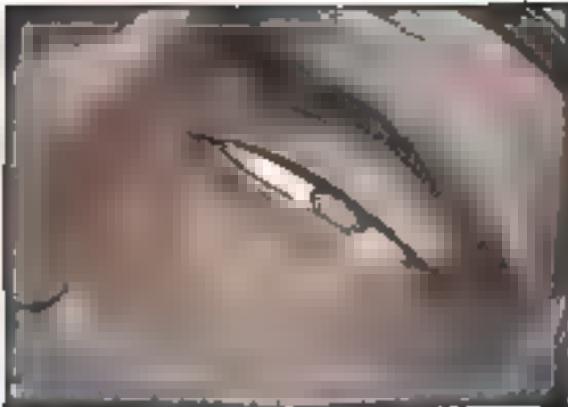
WELCOME
TO CHARNON
HOUSE.

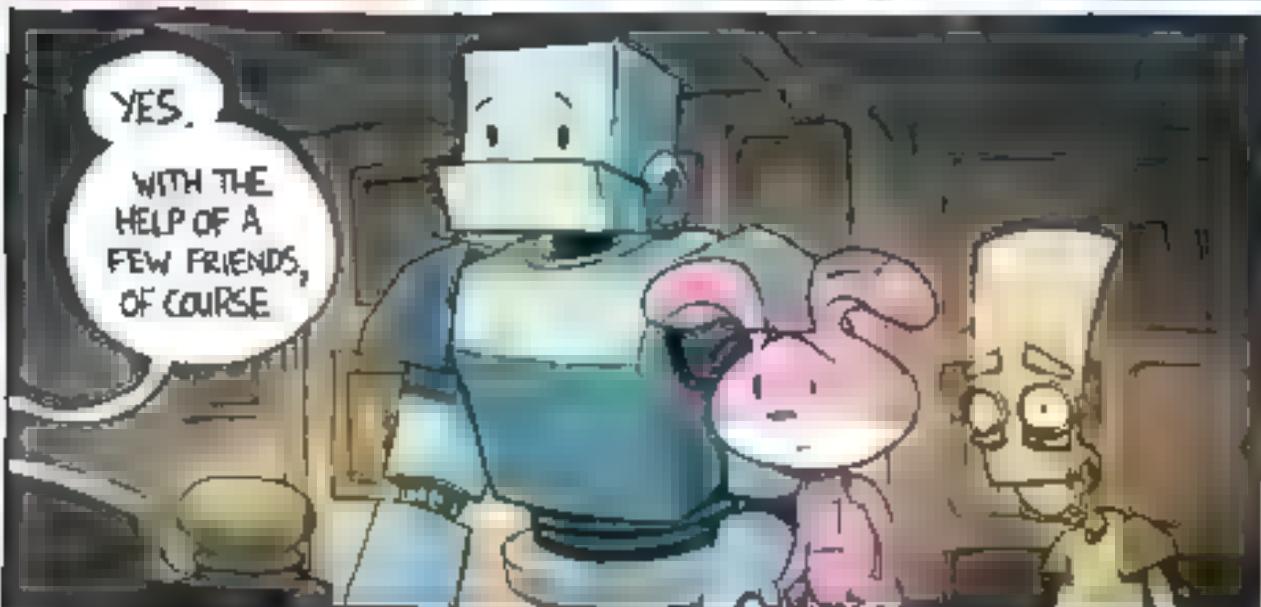


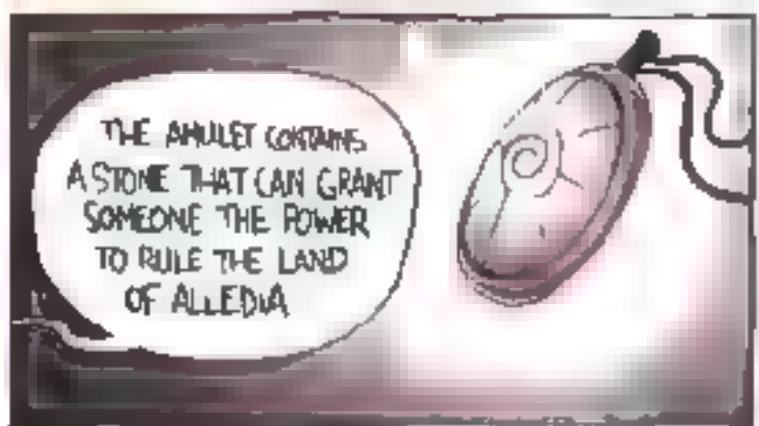












ALLEDIA?

IT IS WHERE
YOU ARE NOW,
AN ALTERNATE
VERSION OF OUR
PLANET EARTH

IN TIME, YOU
WILL KNOW THE
LAND AND ITS
PEOPLE

YOU WILL
SEE HOW
BEAUTIFUL
IT IS

BUT WHAT
DOES THIS HAVE
TO DO WITH
HELPING US?

THAT WILL
BECOME EVIDENT
WHEN YOU REALIZE
THE EXTENT OF
THE STONE'S
ABILITIES

IF YOU CAN
MASTER IT,
YOU WILL NOT
ONLY SAVE YOUR
MOTHER'S LIFE,

BUT YOU WILL
GAIN A GREAT AND
GLORIOUS POWER BEYOND
ANYTHING YOU EVER
IMAGINED

IT IS SOMETHING
I FAILED TO ATTAIN
DURING MY LIFETIME

BUT YOU
YOU CAN
ACHIEVE IT.

BUT I'M NOT
INTERESTED IN
POWER

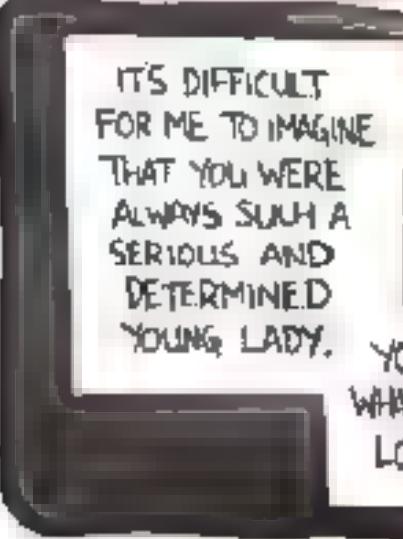
I JUST WANT
TO GET MY MOM
BACK AND GO
HOME.



BUT WHAT IF I TOLD YOU THIS POWER WOULD ALLOW YOU TO TURN BACK TIME? TO MAKE THINGS GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY ONCE WERE?



THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A TIME IN YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU WERE HAPPIER



IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ME TO IMAGINE THAT YOU WERE ALWAYS SUCH A SERIOUS AND DETERMINED YOUNG LADY.



YOU CAN HAVE WHAT YOU'RE REALLY LOOKING FOR...



AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS LISTEN TO THE STONE



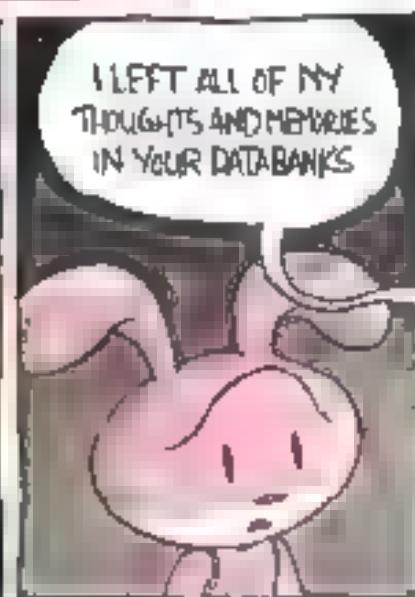
IT WILL HELP YOU ATTAIN THE POWER TO SHAPE YOUR WORLD



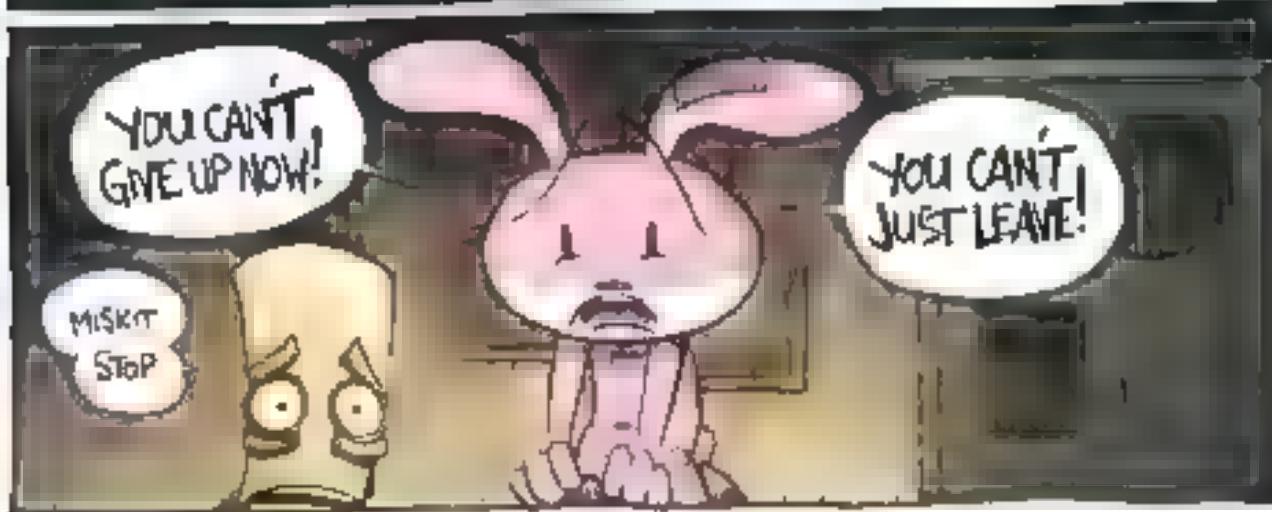
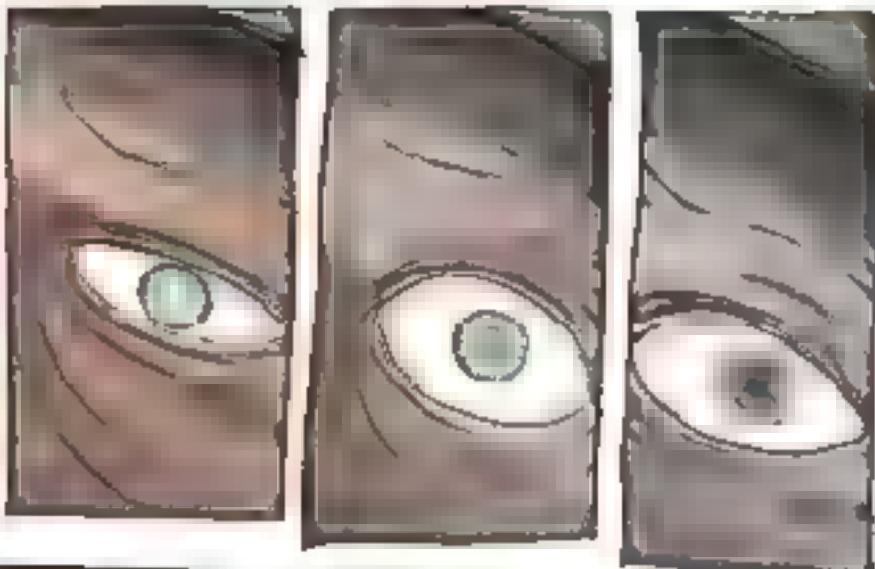
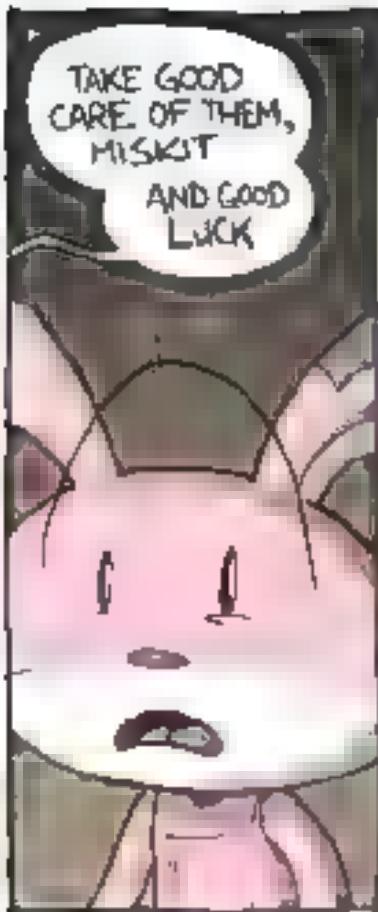
IT WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU DESIRE, AND MUCH MORE



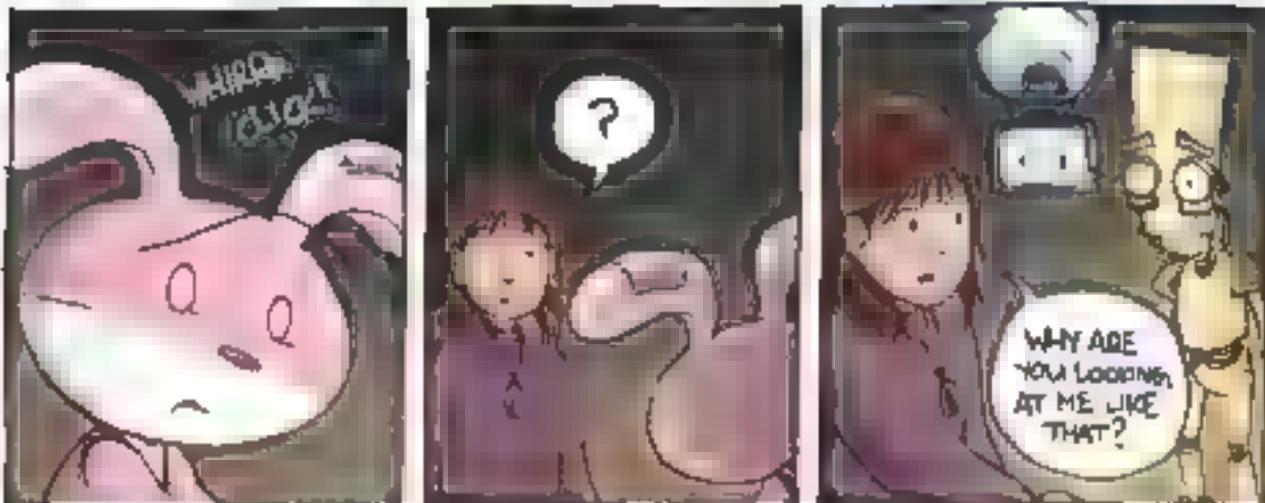
I ONLY WISH I COULD BE THERE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU















IT IS TIME
TO CHOOSE



TAKE SILAS'S
PLACE AS
KEEPER OF
THIS STONE



AND YOU WILL
AWAKEN A FAMILY
THAT CAN HELP YOU
RECOVER YOUR OWN



JUST TAKE
THE AMULET
INTO YOUR HANDS
AND ACCEPT ITS
POWER



EM,
WANT.

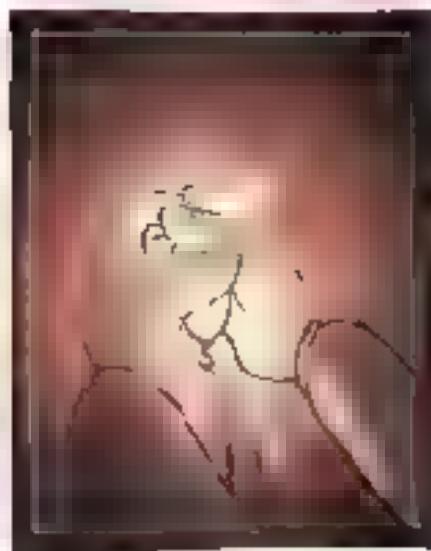


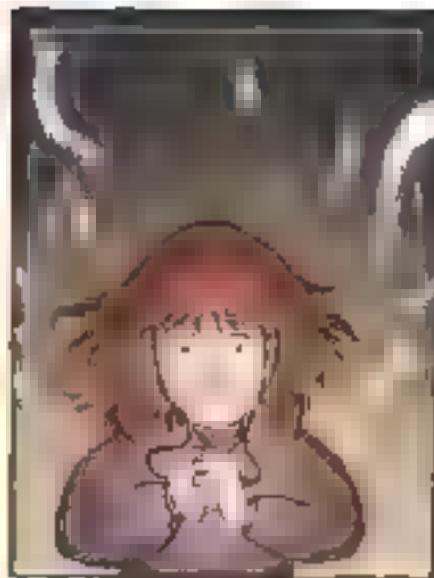
I DON'T
TRUST
IT

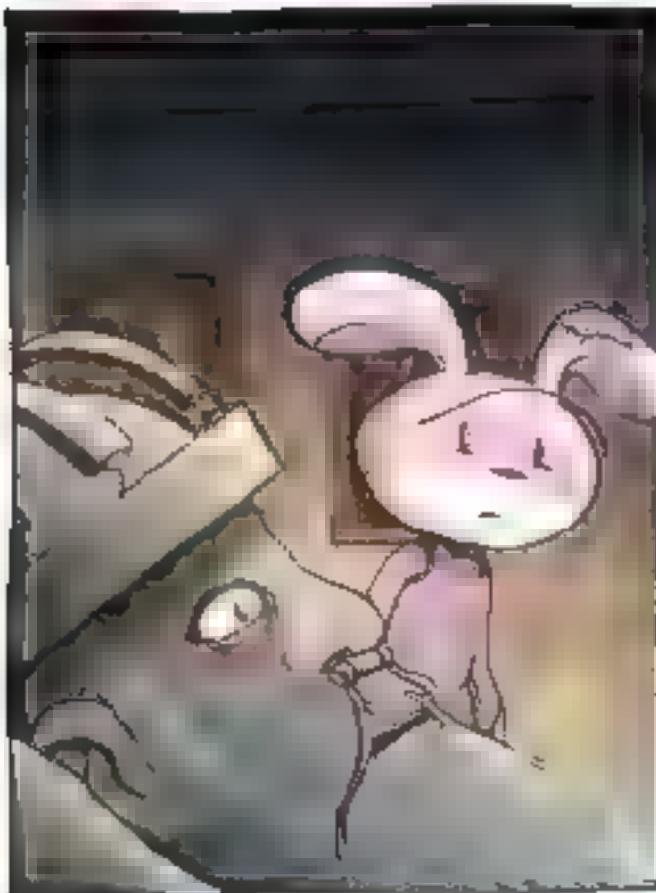
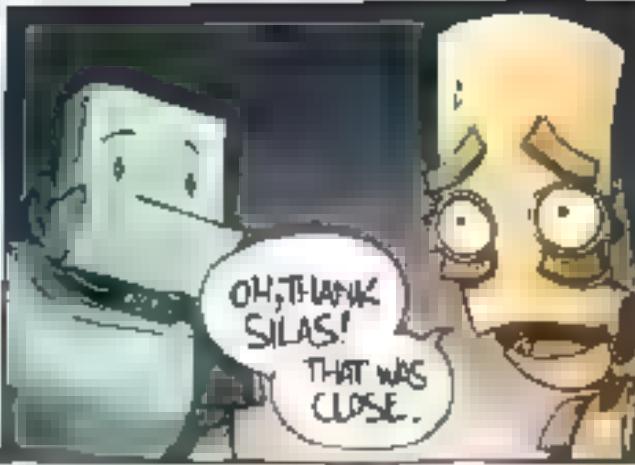


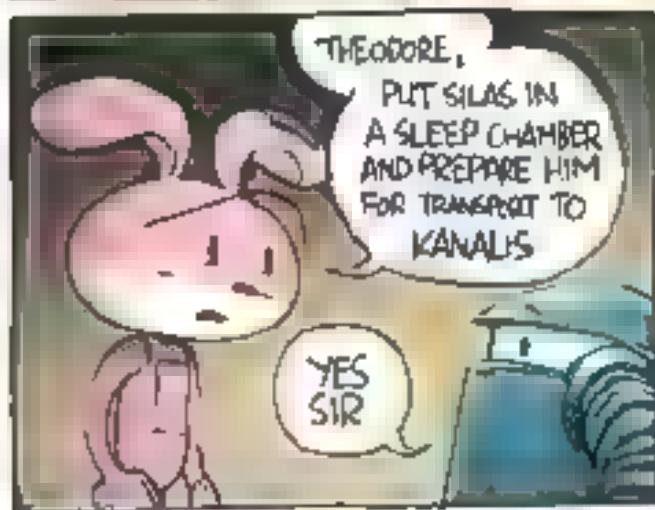
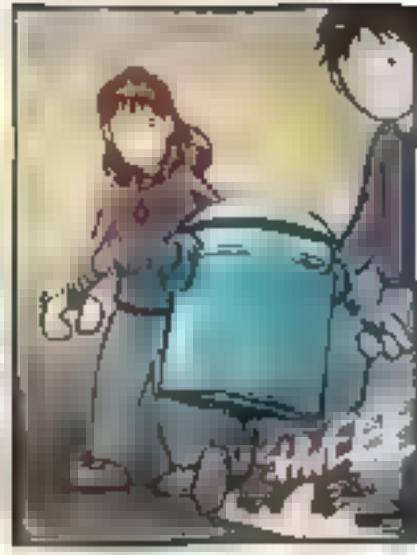
WITHOUT POWER
YOU CANNOT ATTAIN
WHAT YOU DESIRE



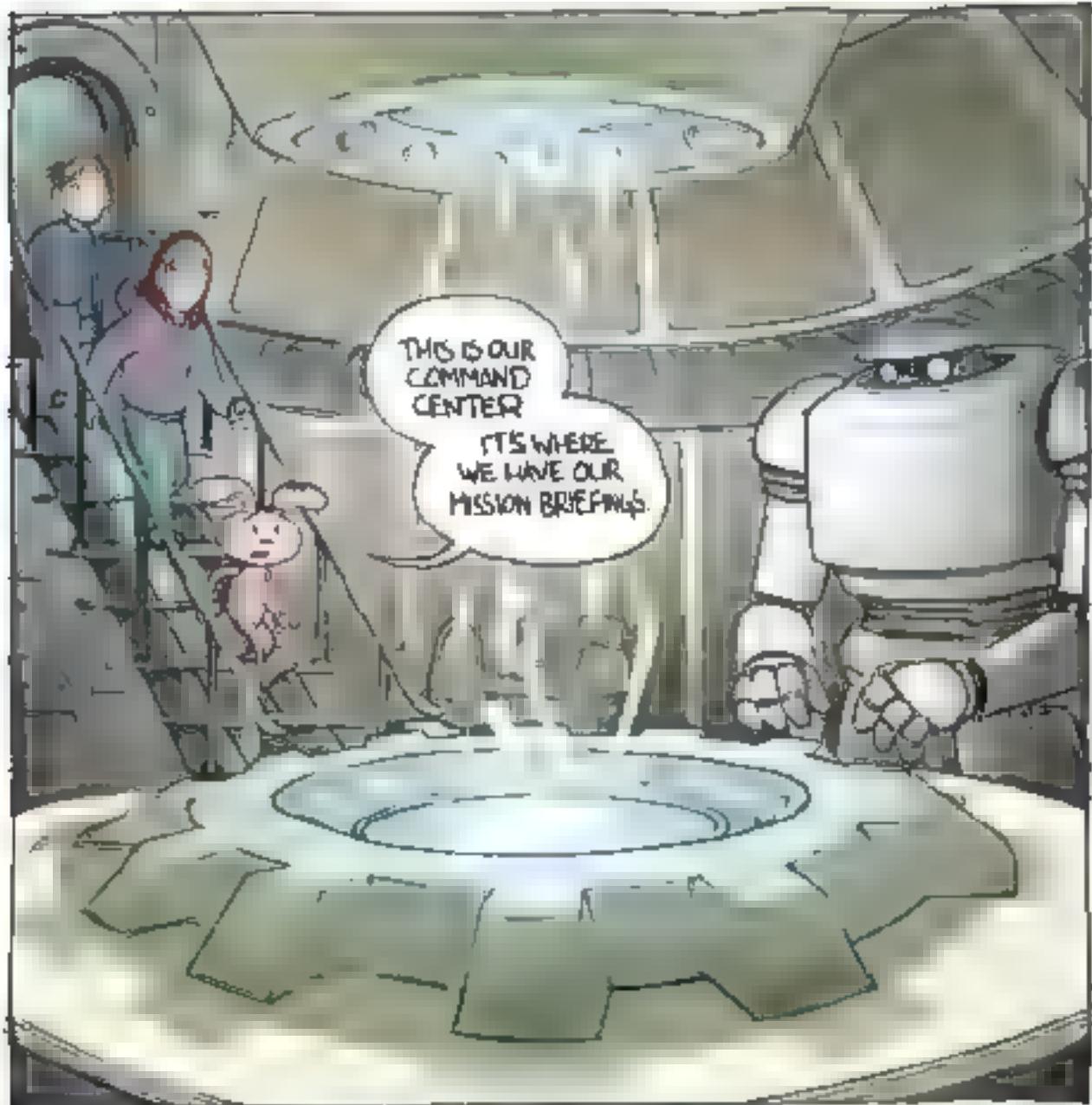


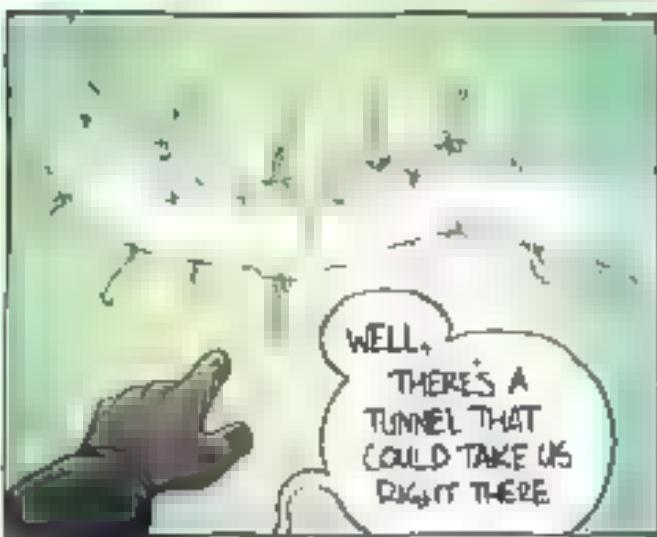












WE CAN HEAD THEM OFF BEFORE THEY LEAVE THE CAVE

THAT'S NOT JUST ANY TUNNEL, KID
THAT'S THE GAUNTLET!

SEE THOSE LIFE FORMS ALONG THE WALLS?
THOSE ARE RAKERS.

WHAT ARE RAKERS?

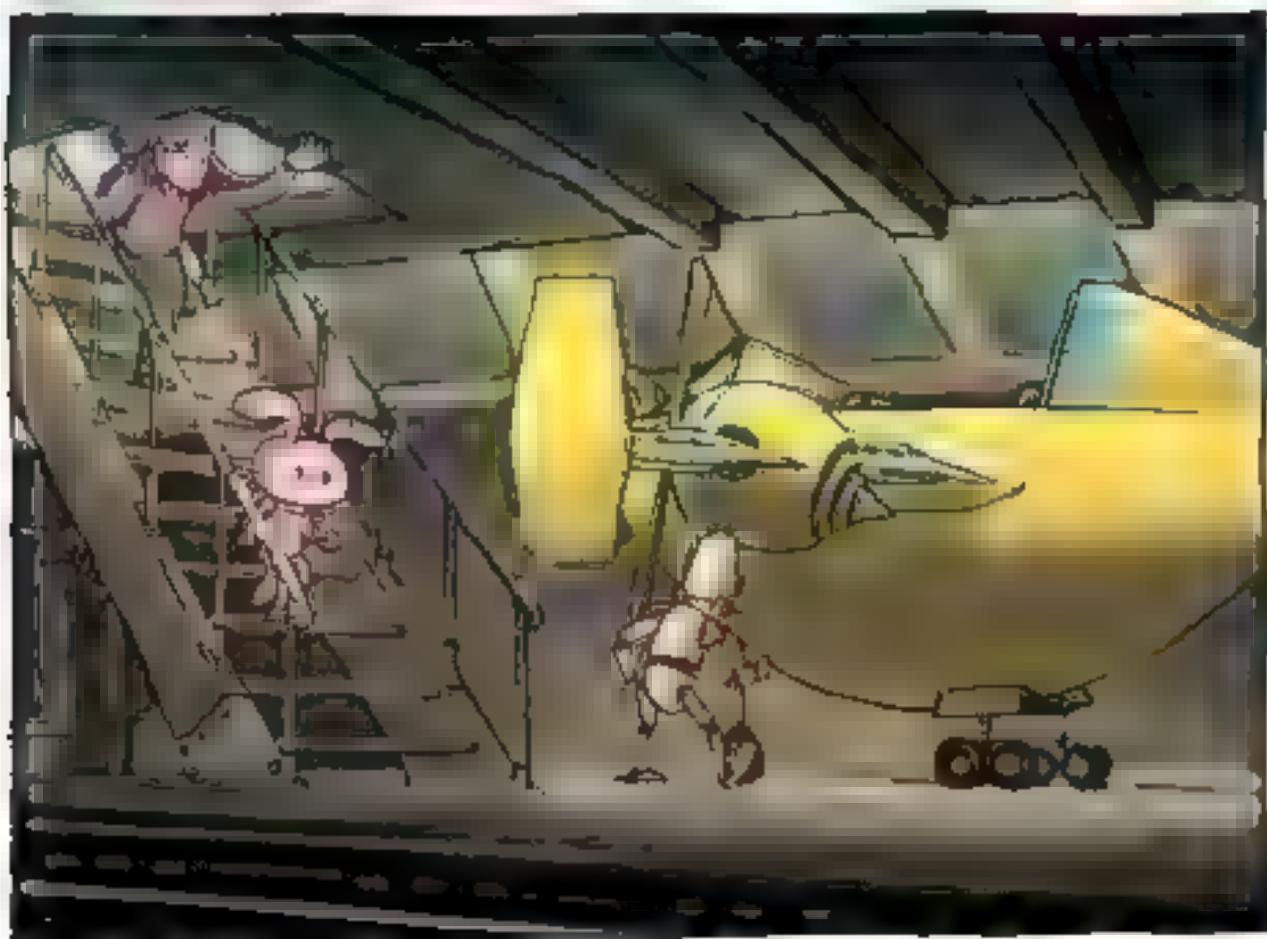
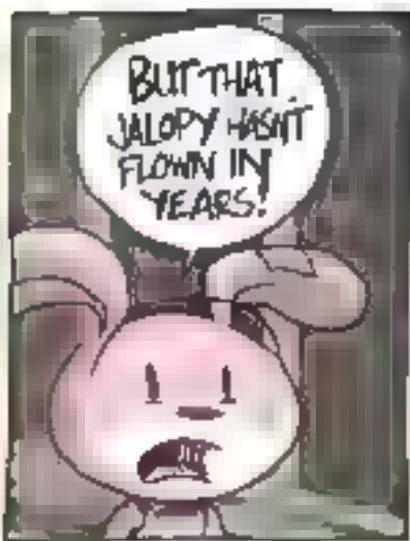
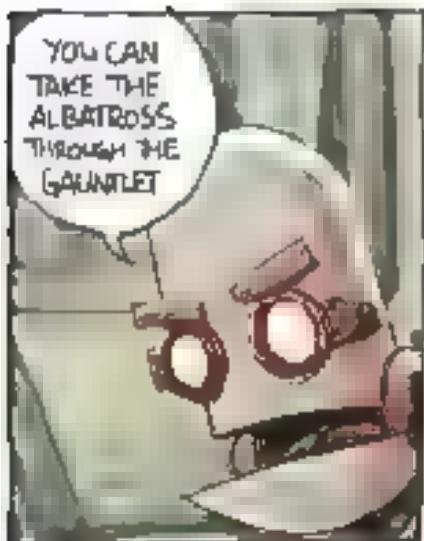
RAKERS ARE SOME OF THE MOST FEROCIOUS UNDERGROUND DWELLERS ON ALLEDIA.

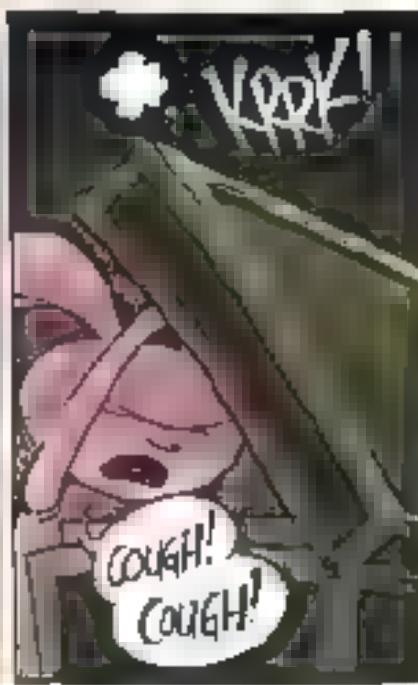
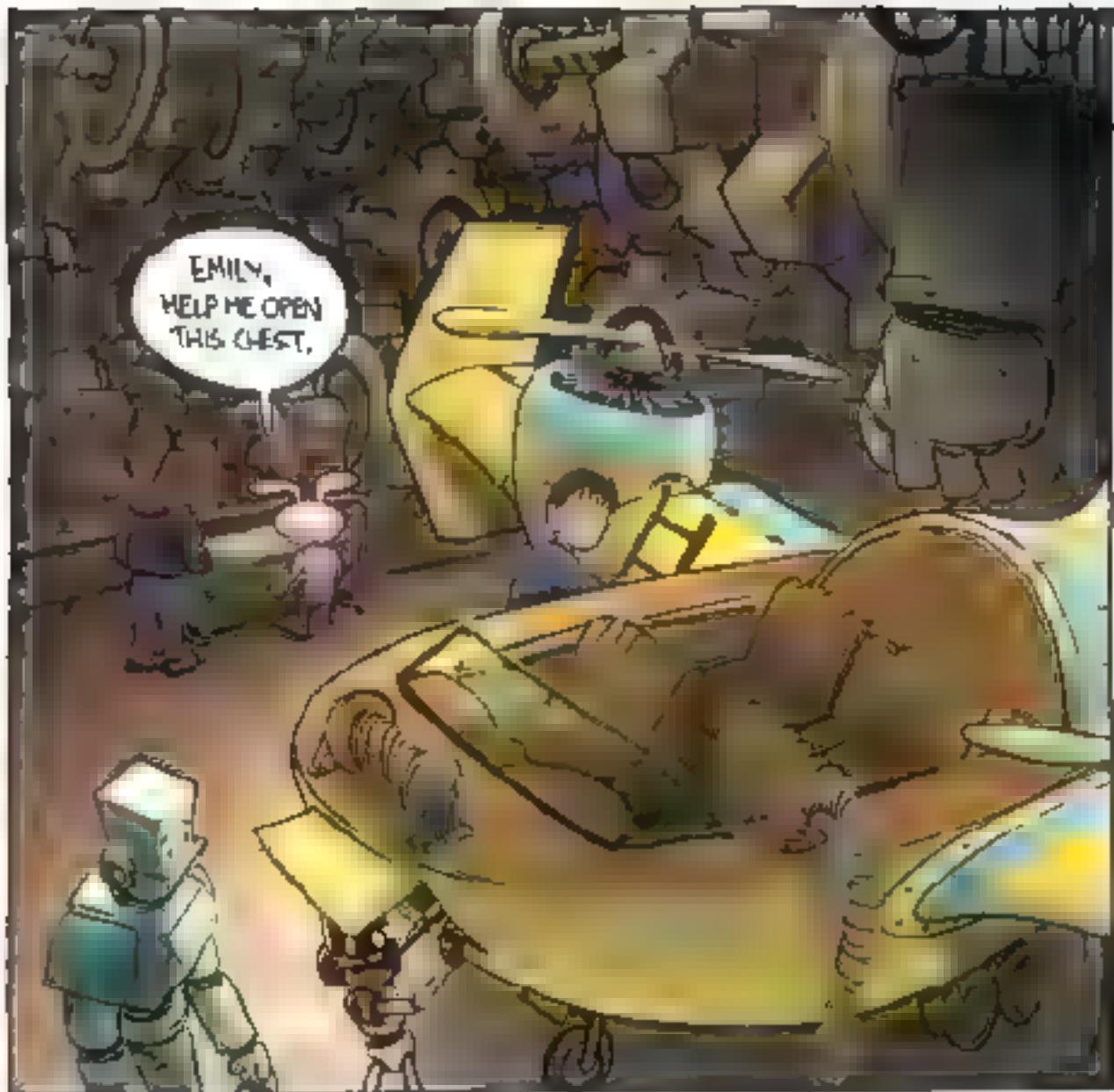
THEY'RE BASICALLY LARGE MASSES OF TENTACLES AND TEETH, EATING ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN GET AHOLD OF

TRAVELING THROUGH THERE ON FOOT CAN MEAN CERTAIN DEATH

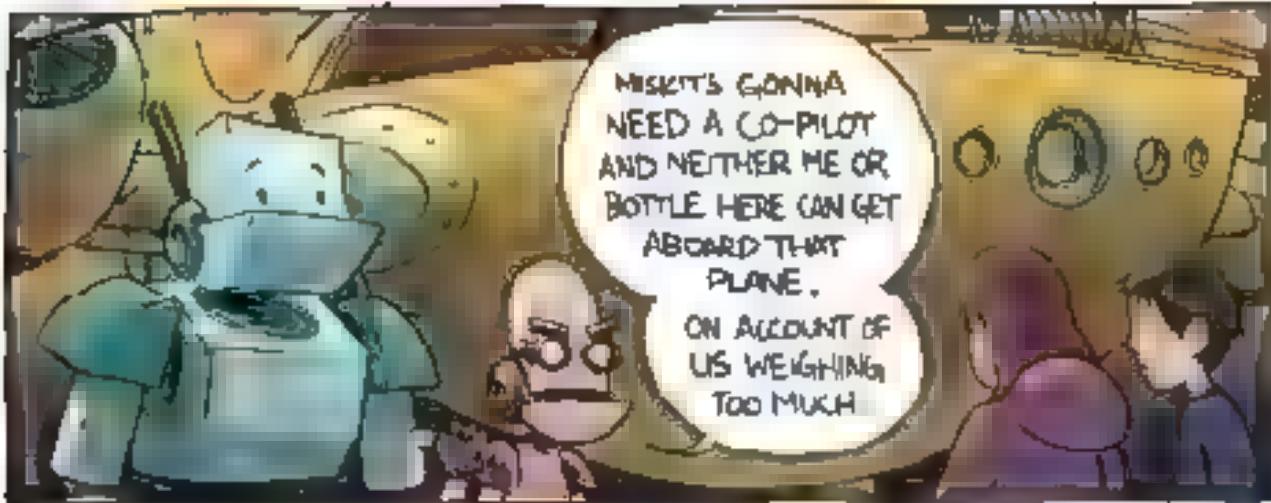
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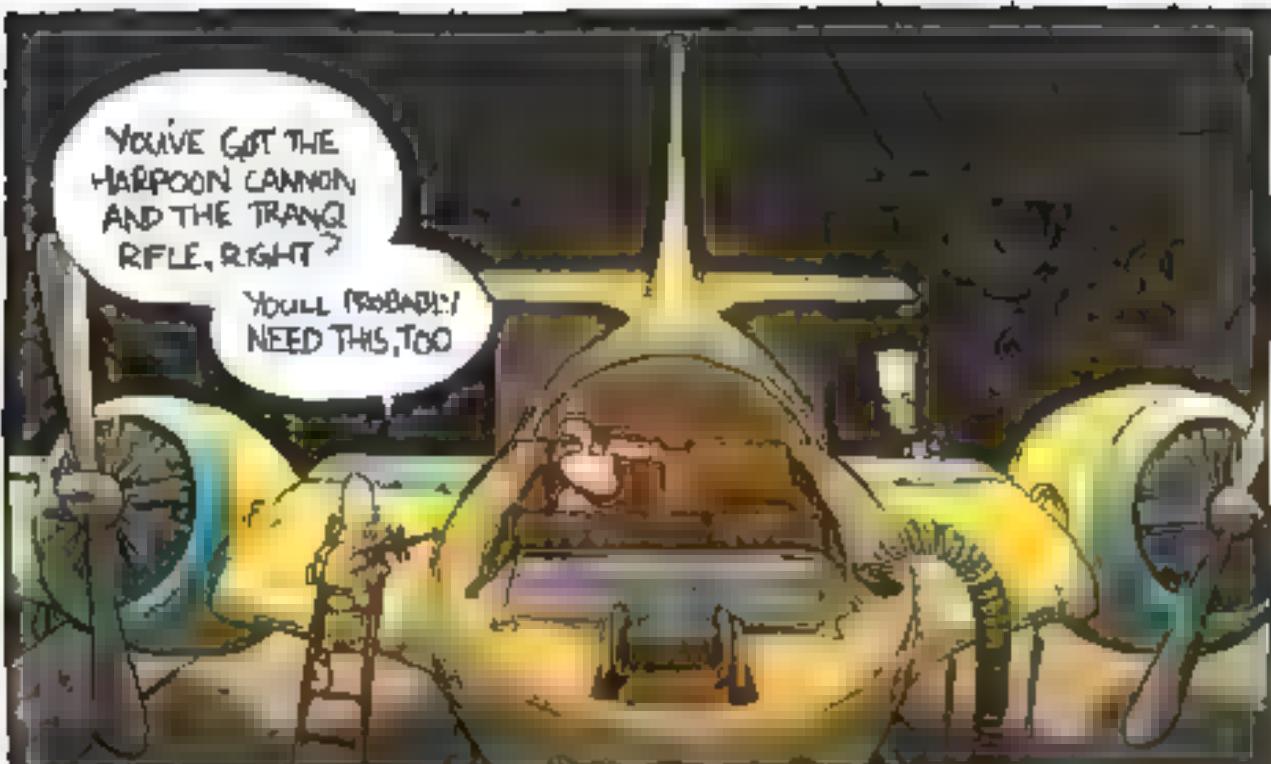
THE ALBATROSS











YOU'VE GOT THE
HARPOON CANNON
AND THE TRANQ
RIFLE, RIGHT?

YOU'LL PROBABLY
NEED THIS, TOO



TO STAVE OFF
THE RAKERS.



BE SWIFT
DON'T EVEN
PAUSE TO
THINK.



RIGHT



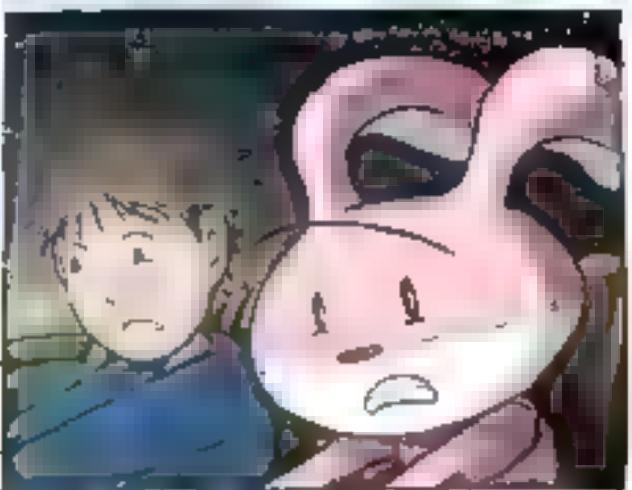
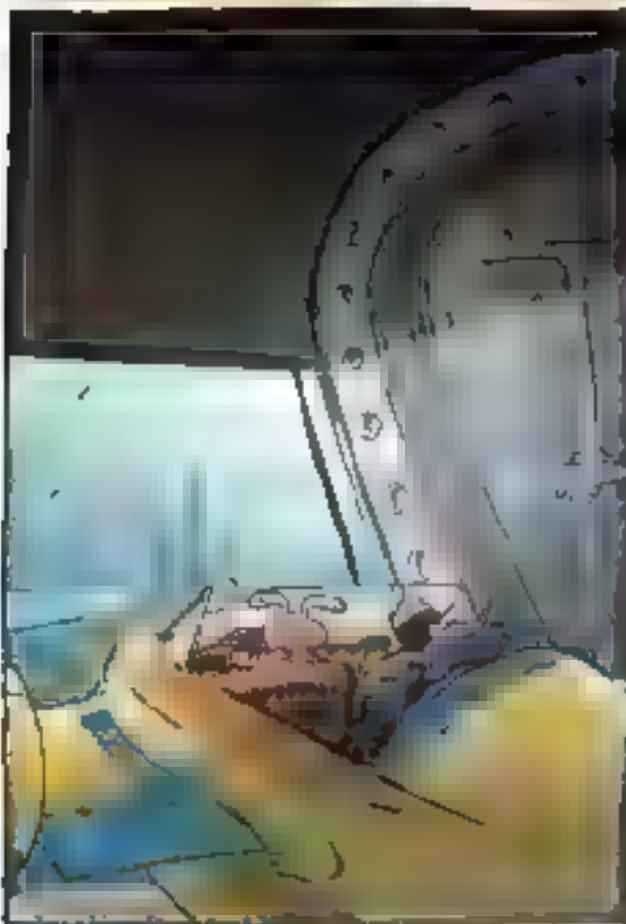
DO YOU UNDERSTAND
HOW THESE CONTROLS
WORK?

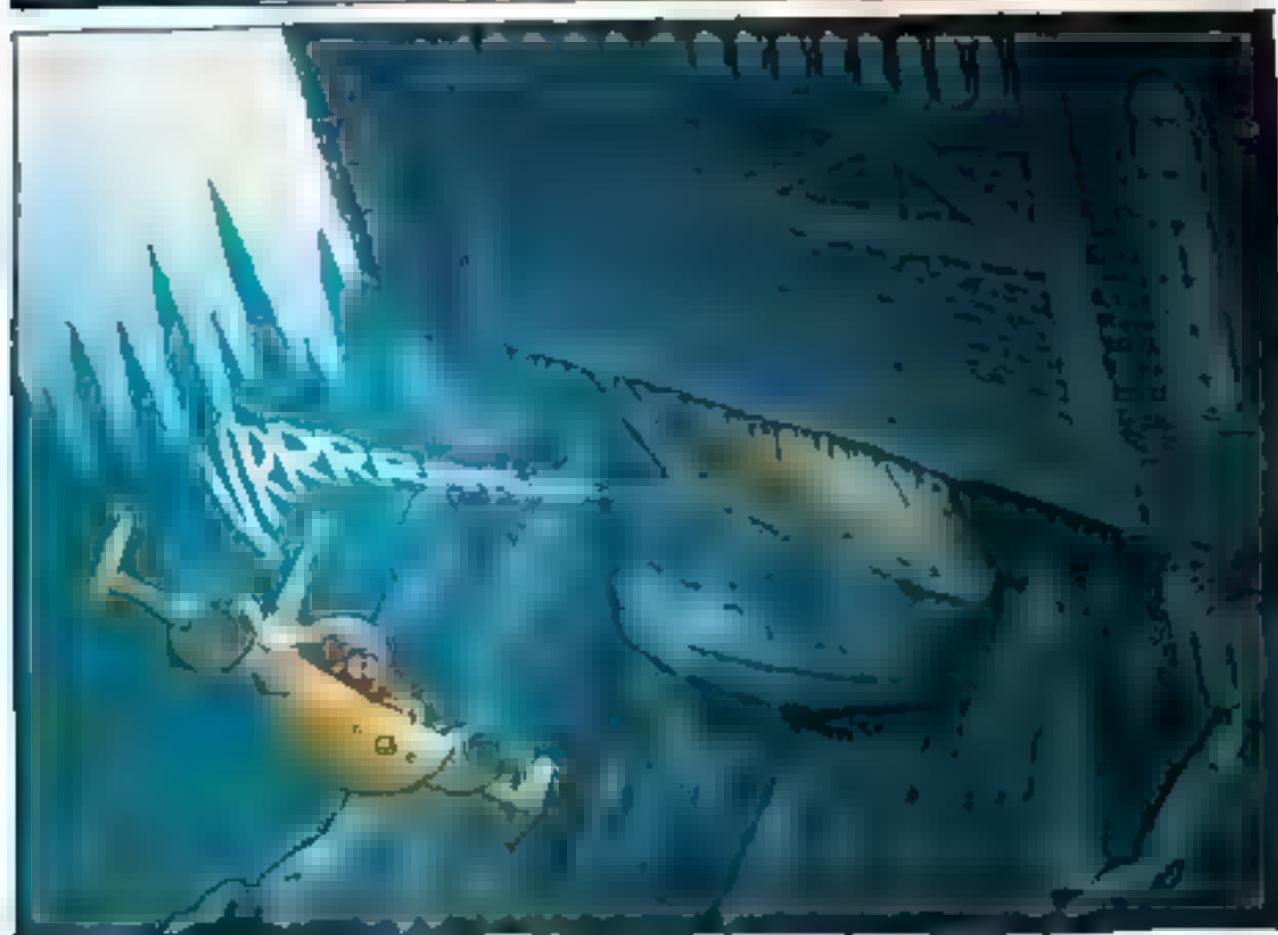
I THINK
SO



THEY LOOK
PRETTY
SIMPLE

SPEED

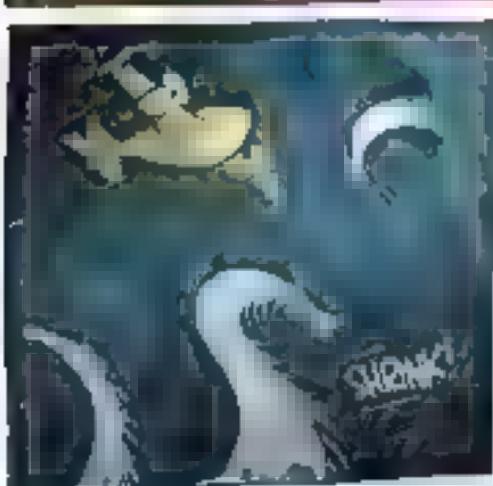


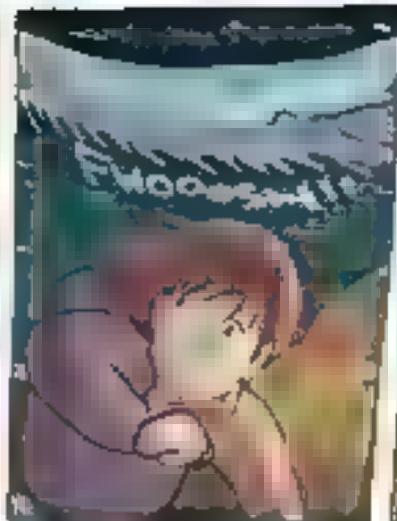














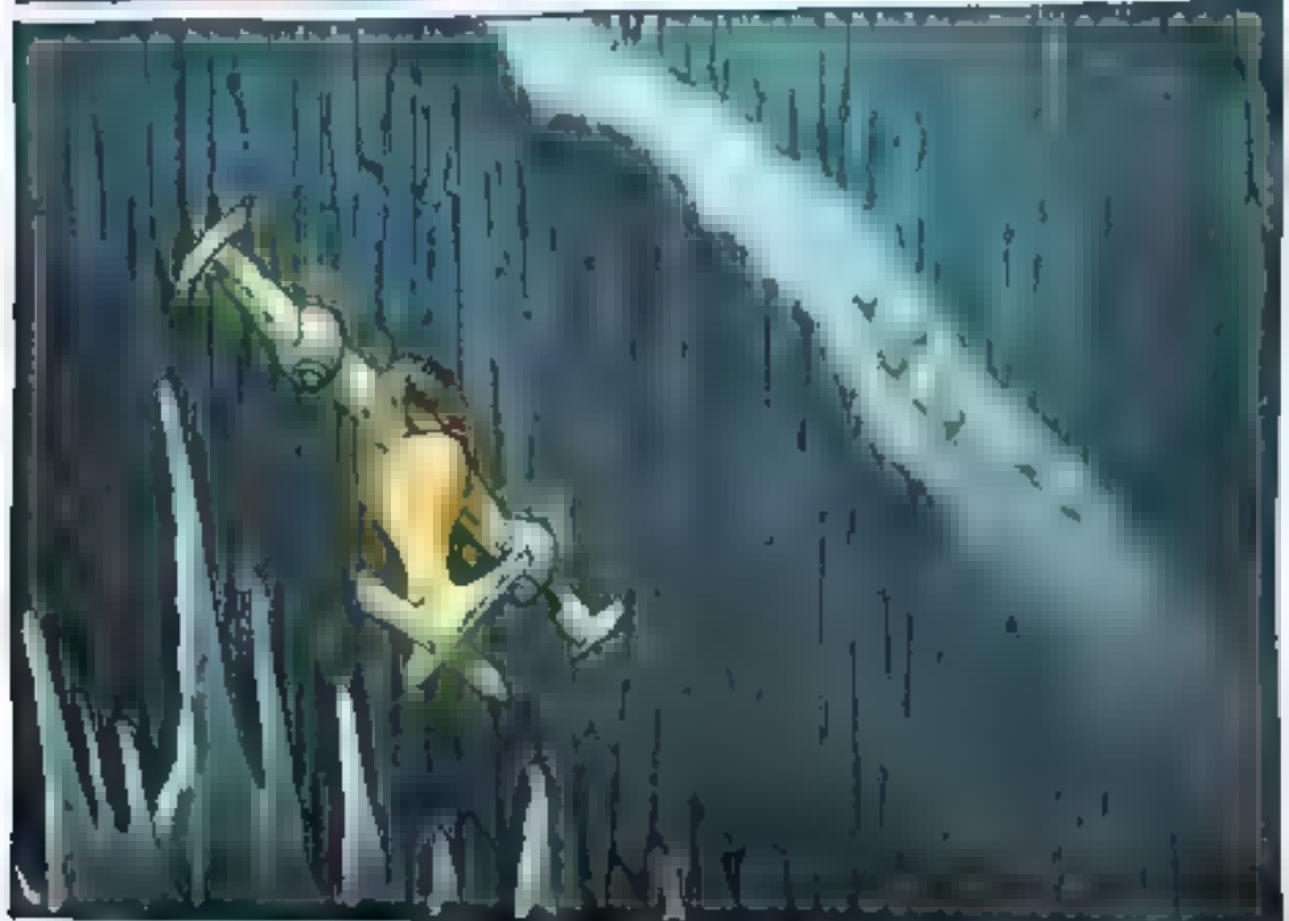
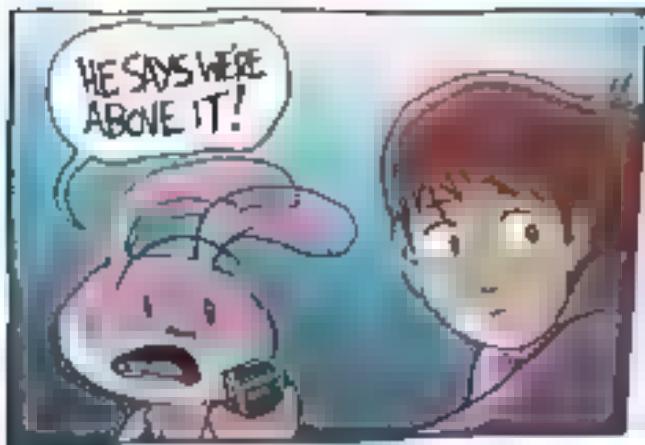
I THINK
SO, YES



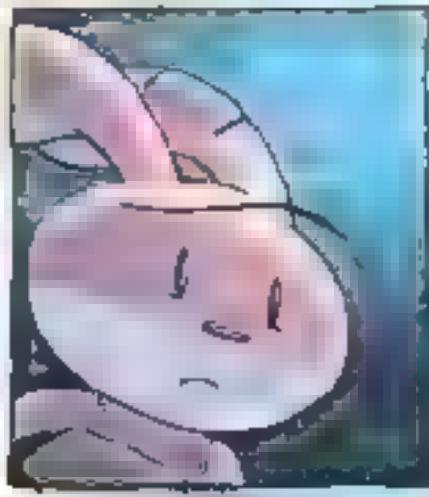
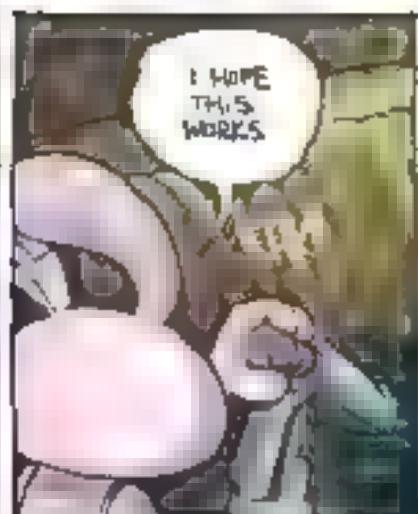




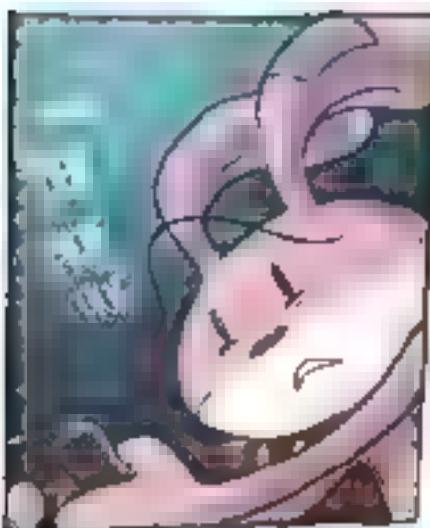


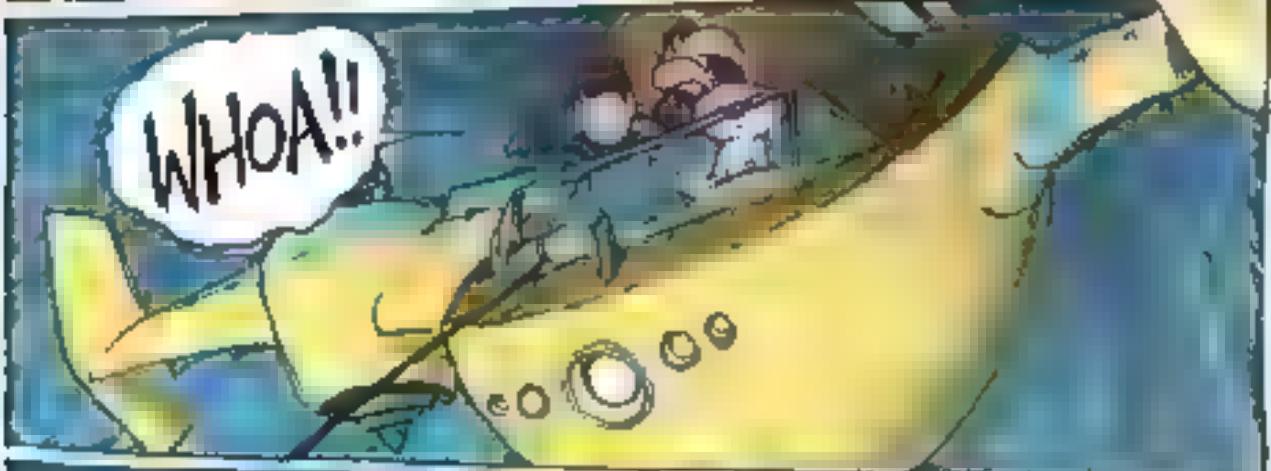
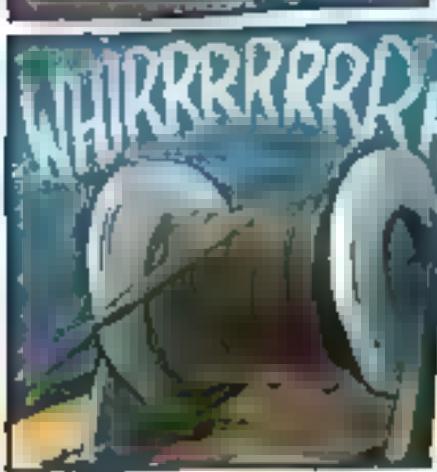


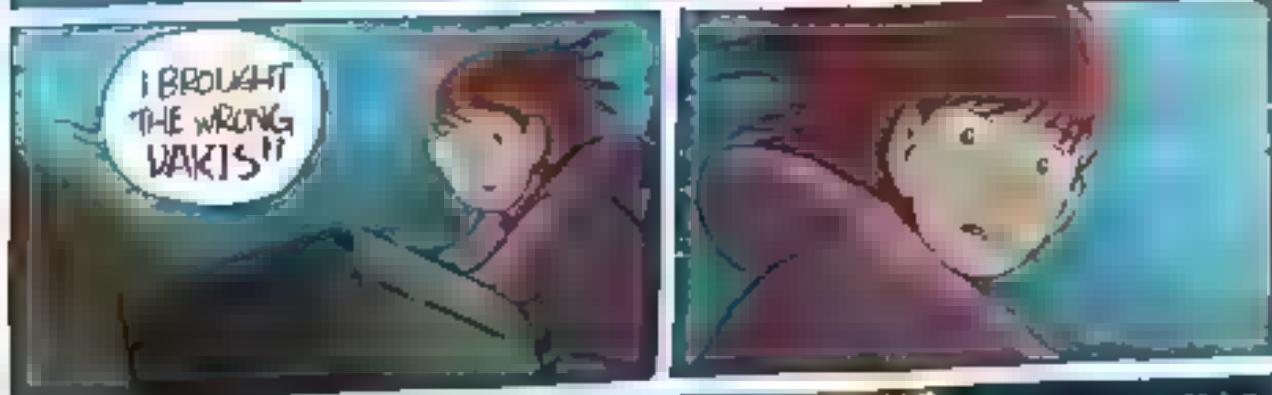








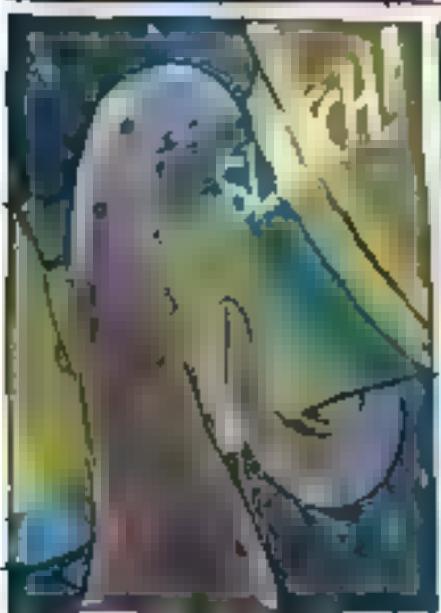


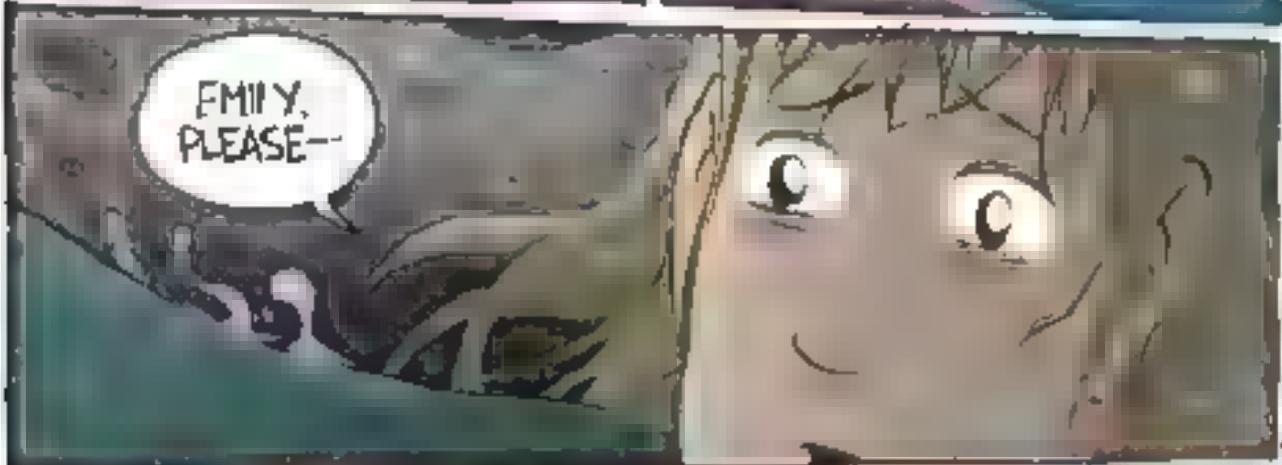




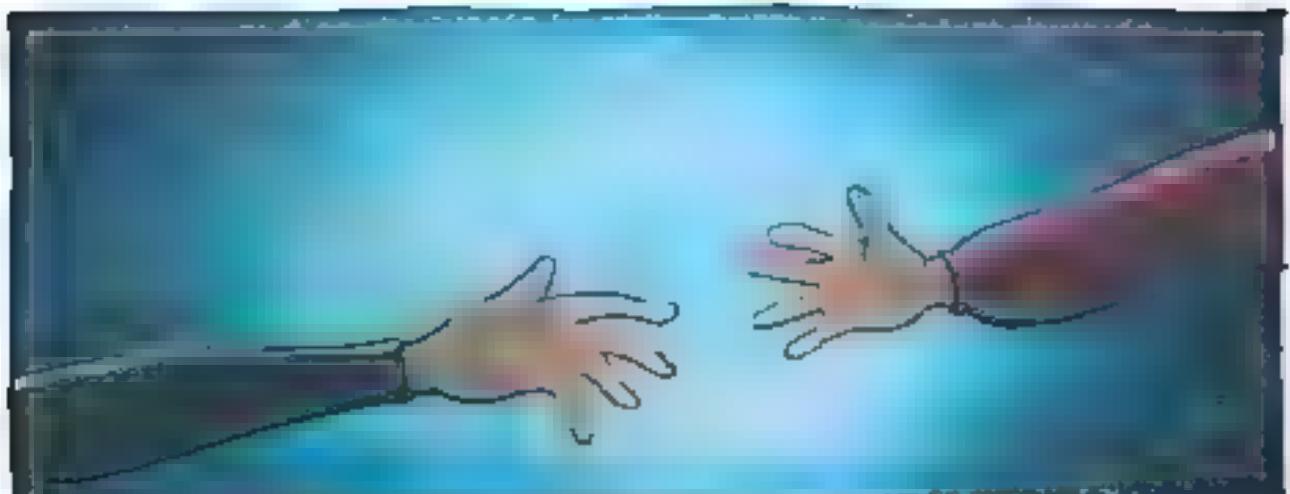








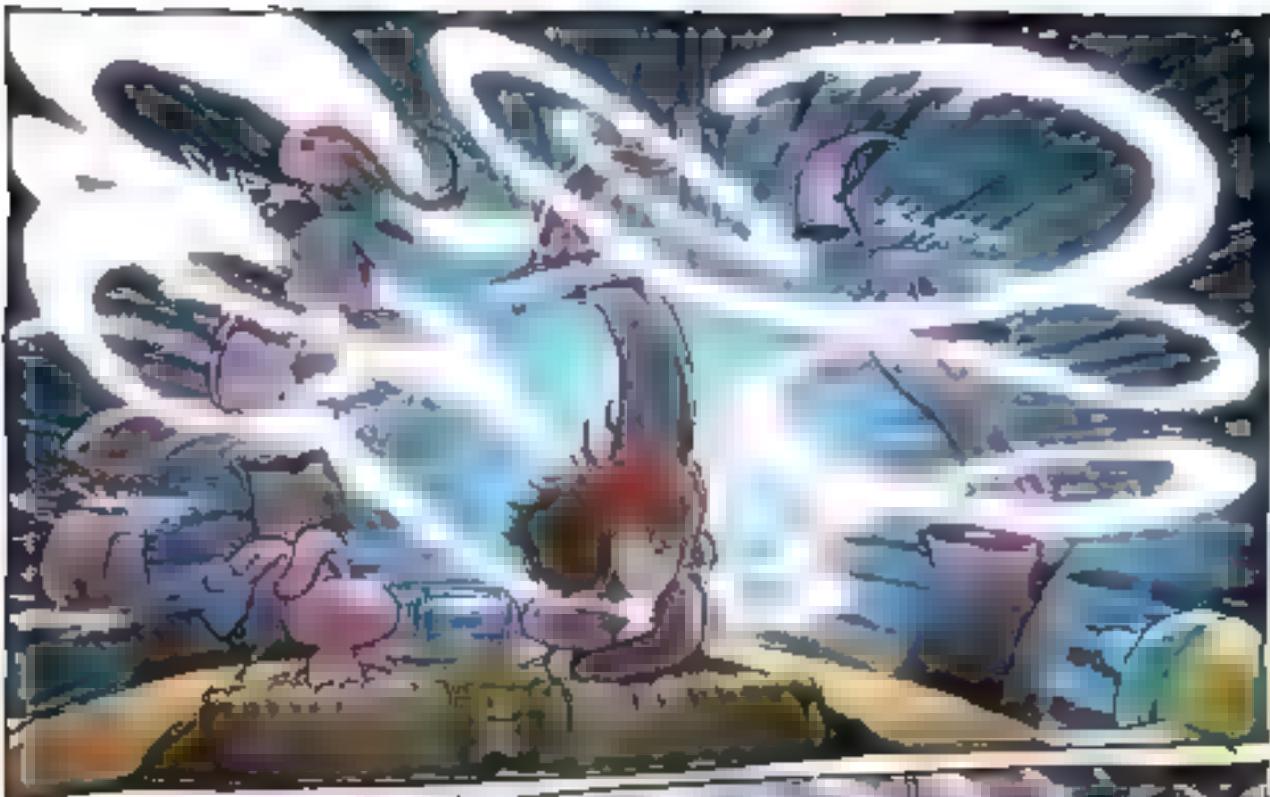






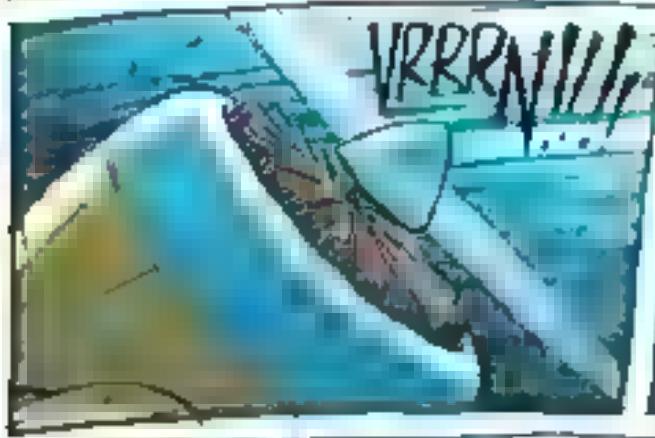






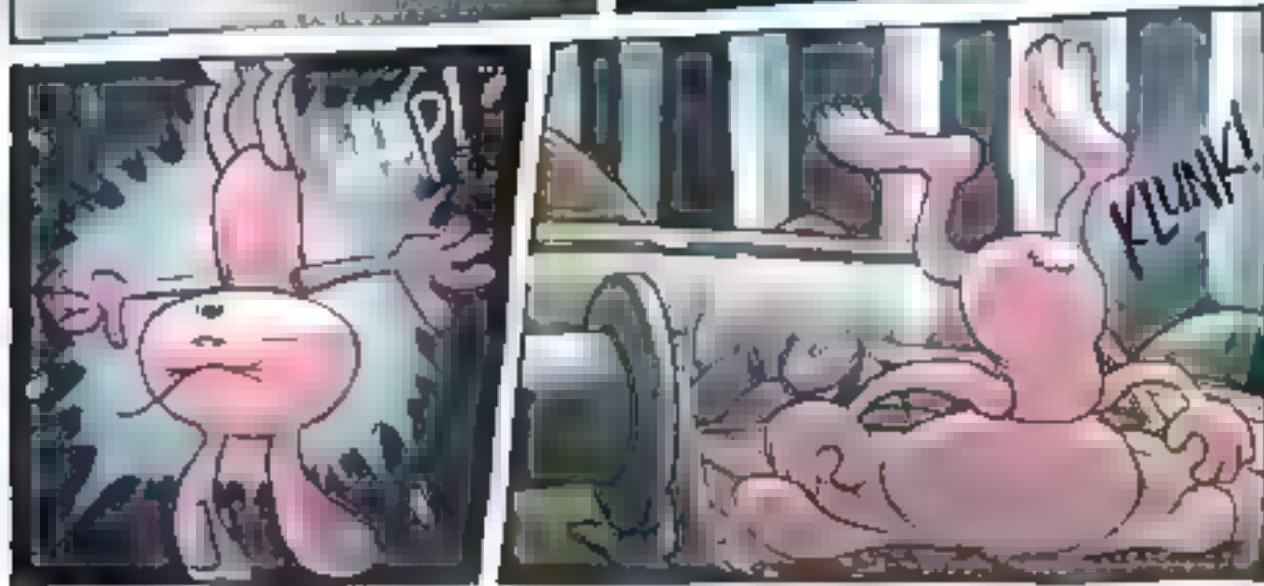


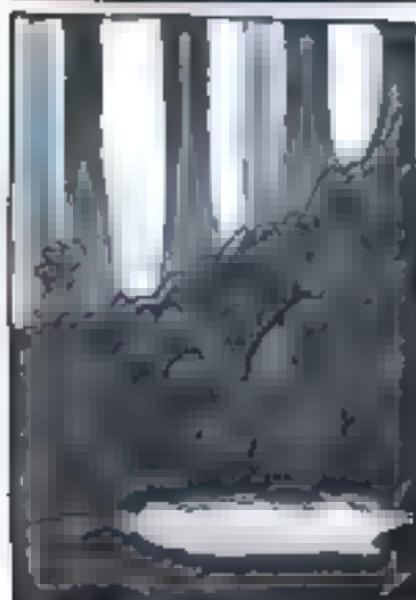


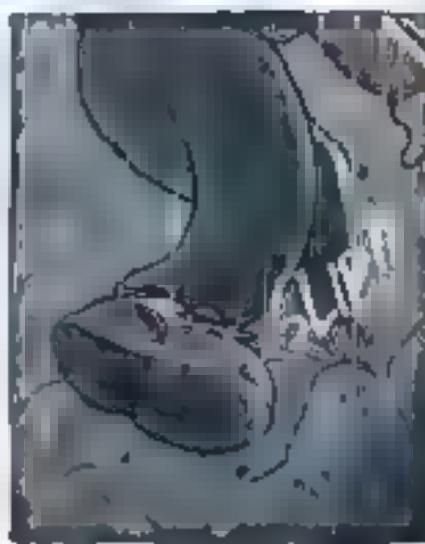


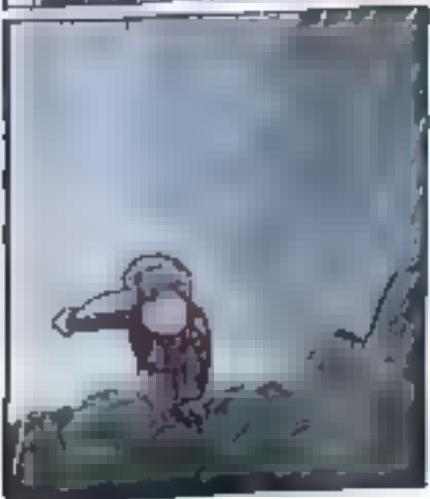


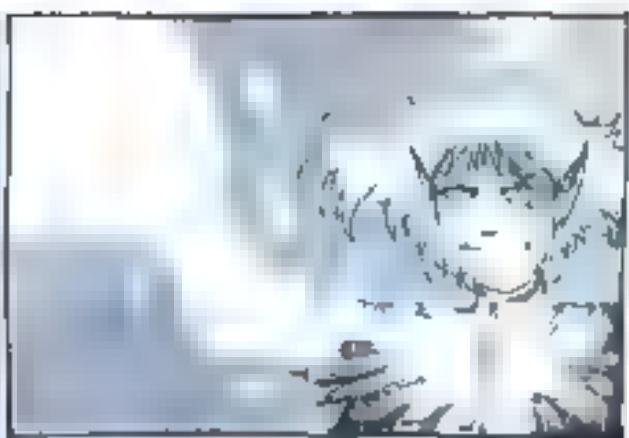


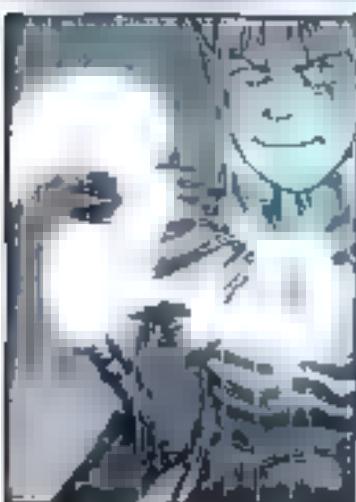
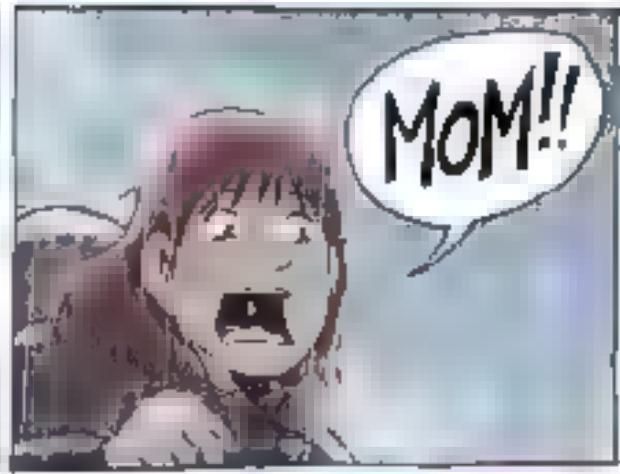


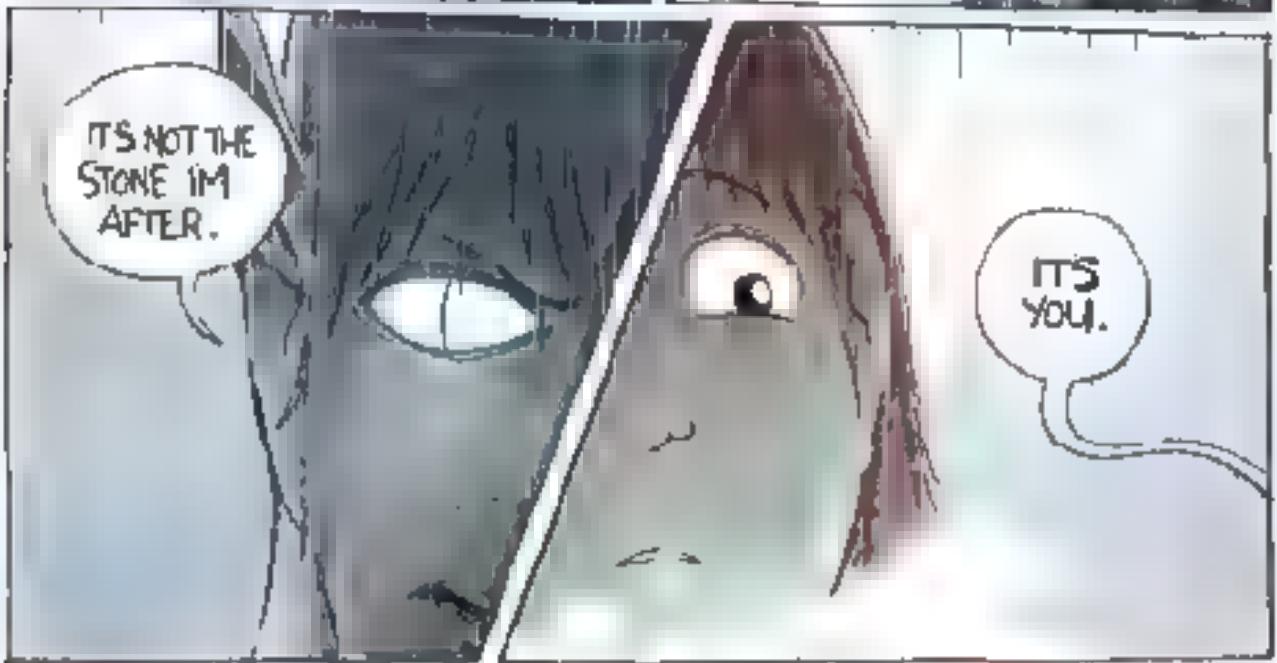


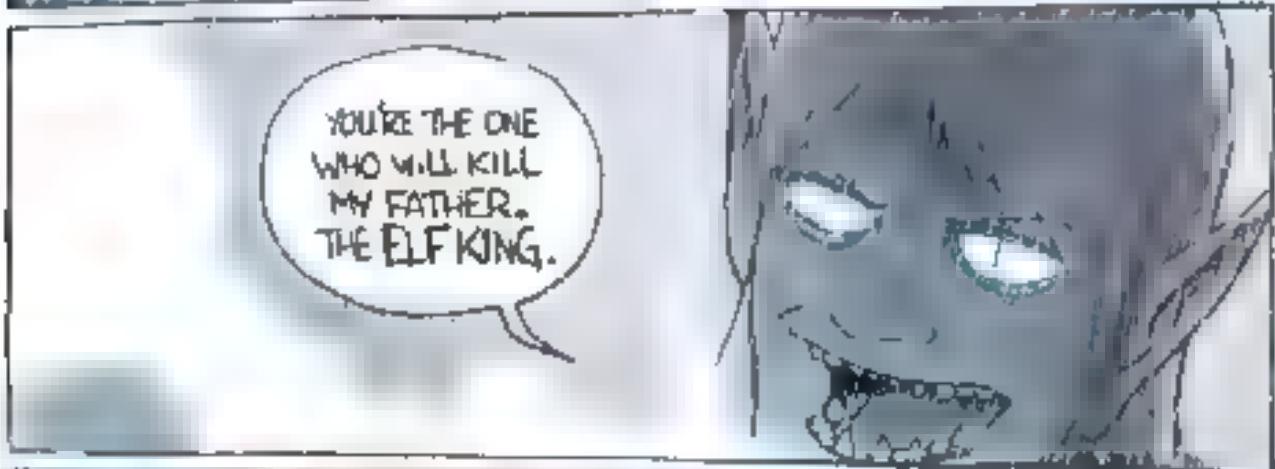


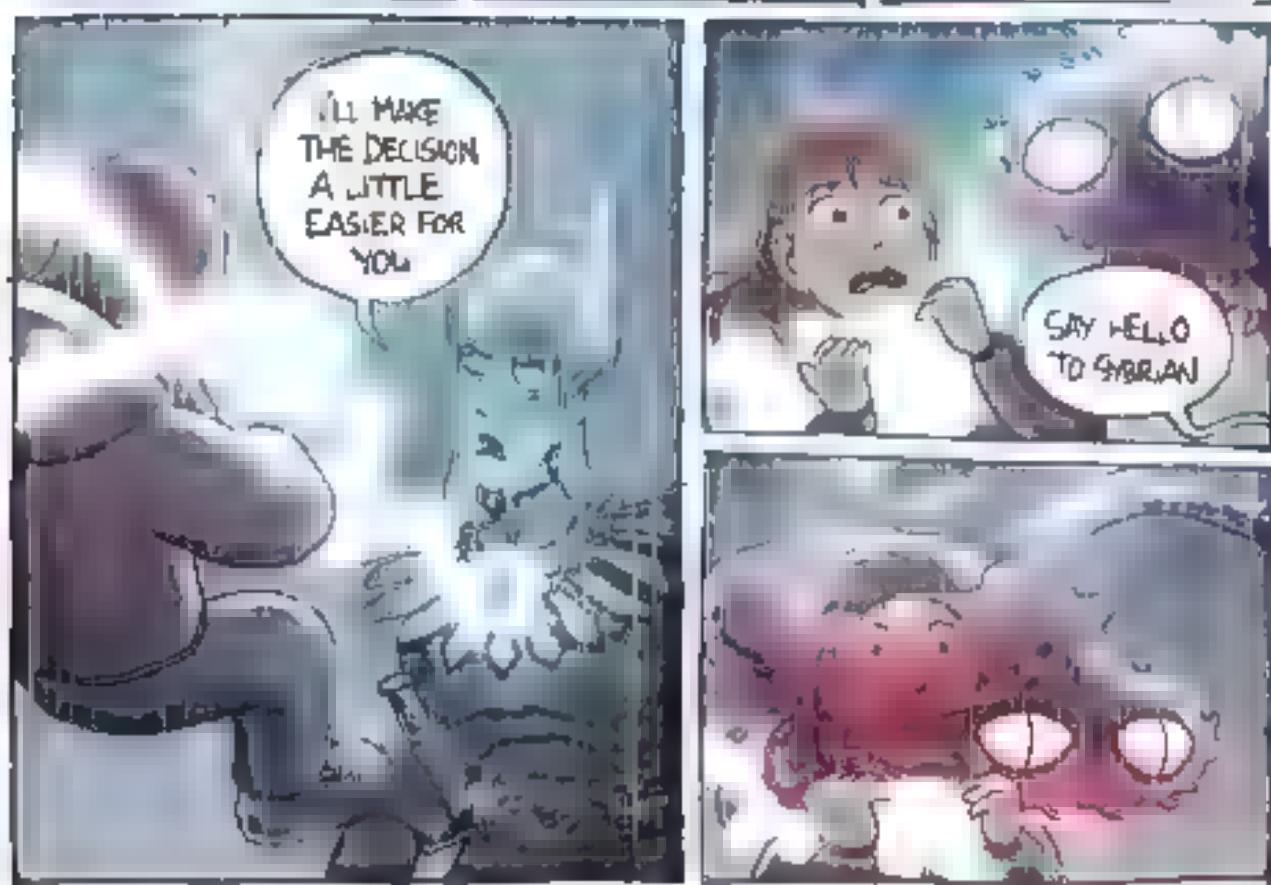


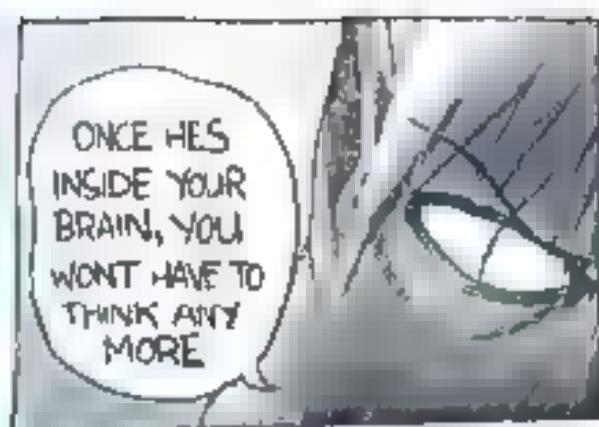


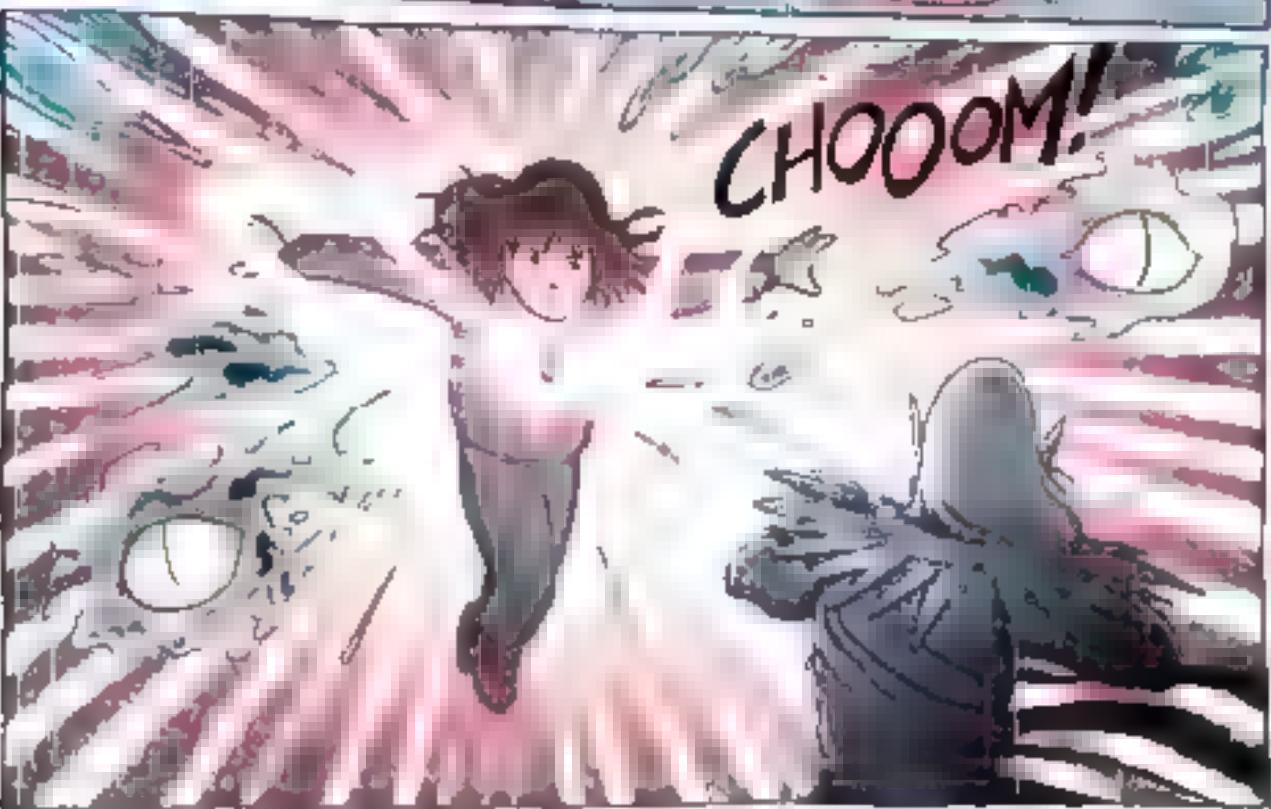
















DESTROY HIM,
EMILY.
MAKE HIM
PAY.

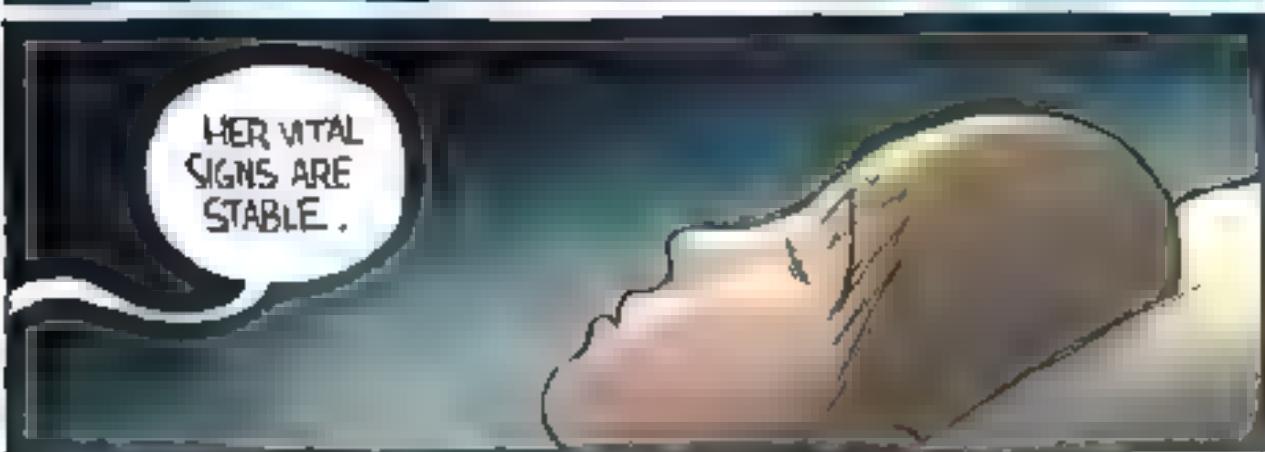






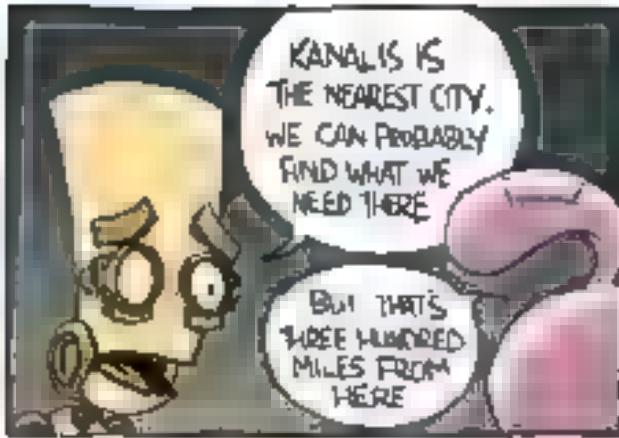






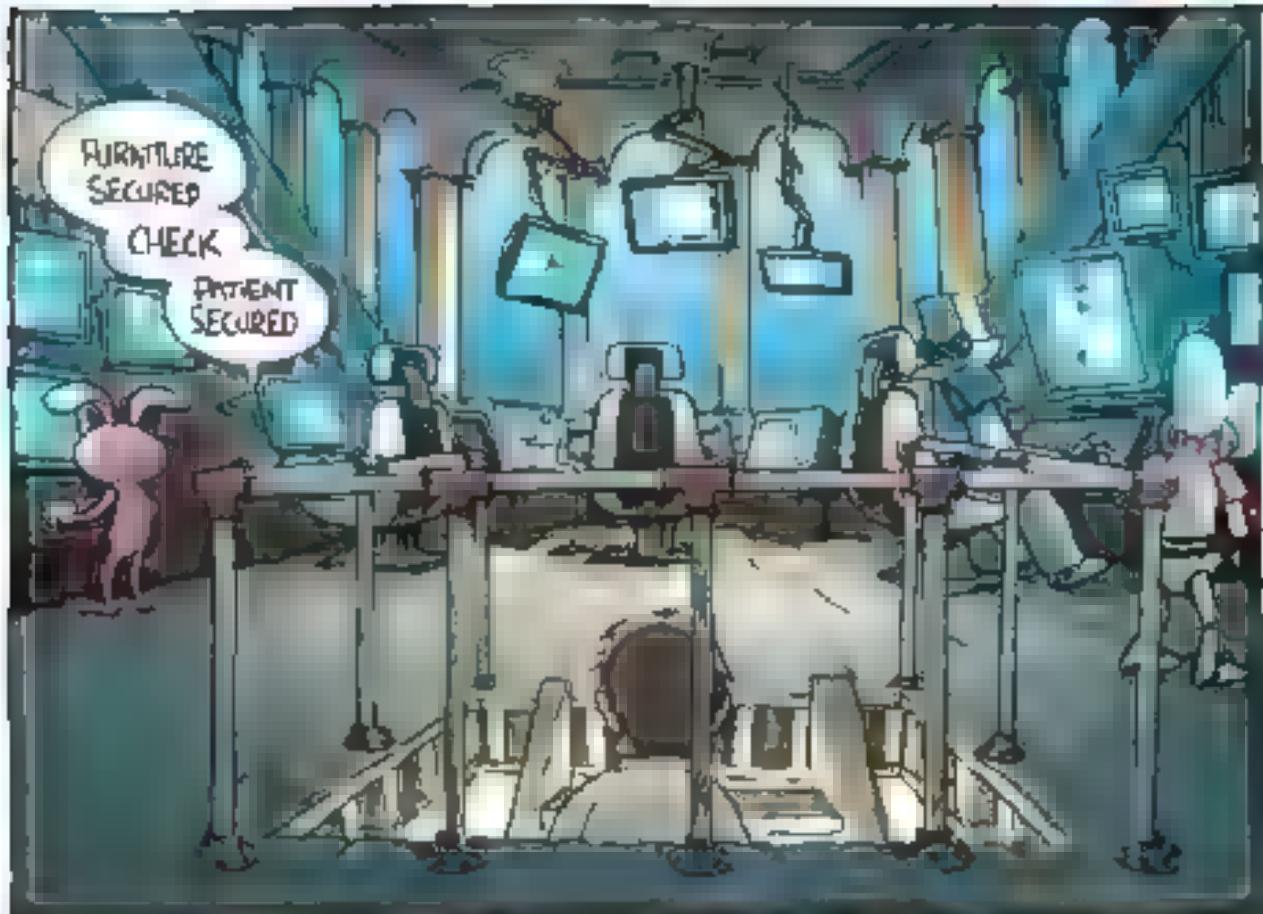


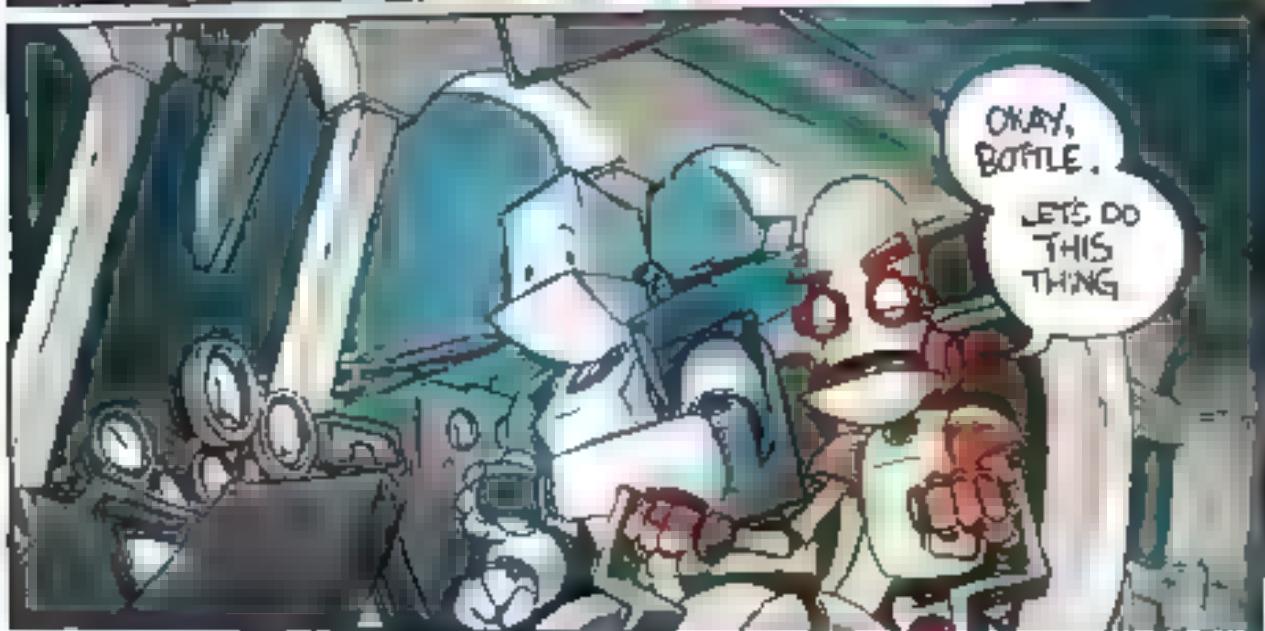


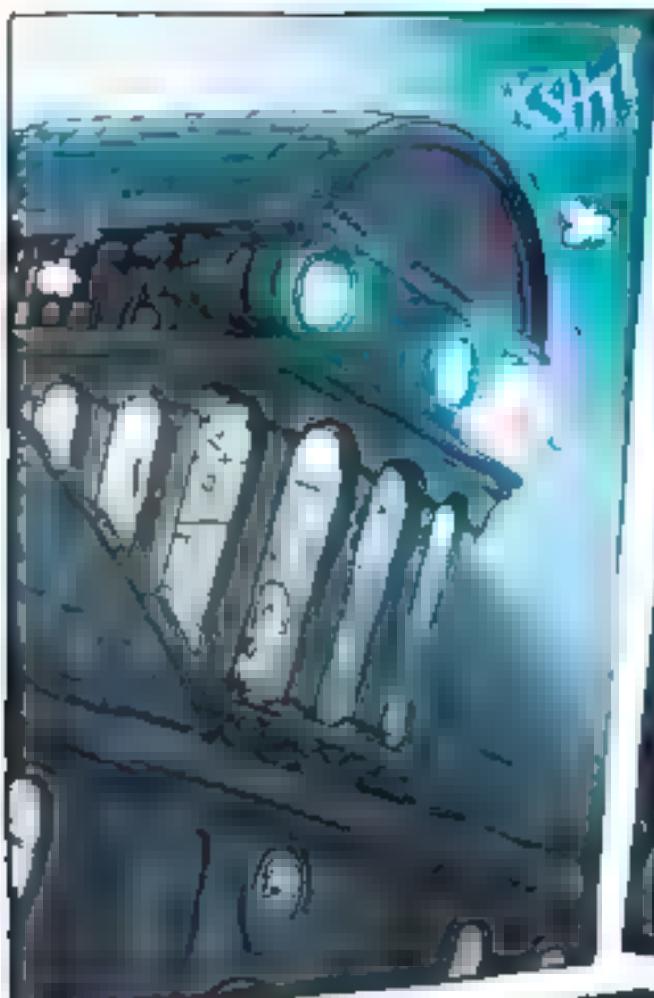


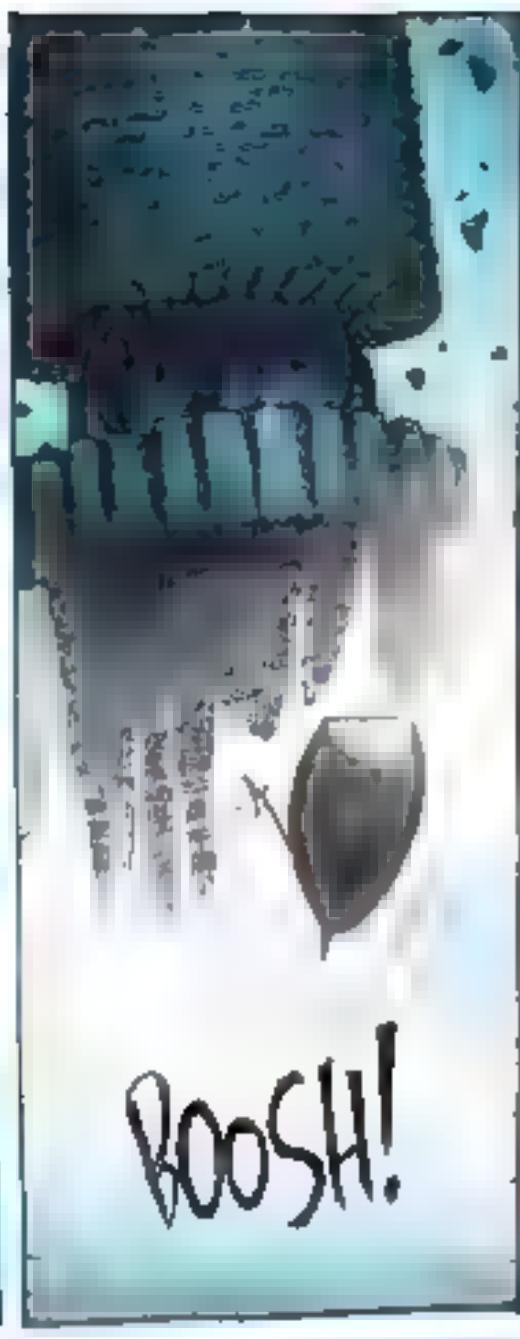
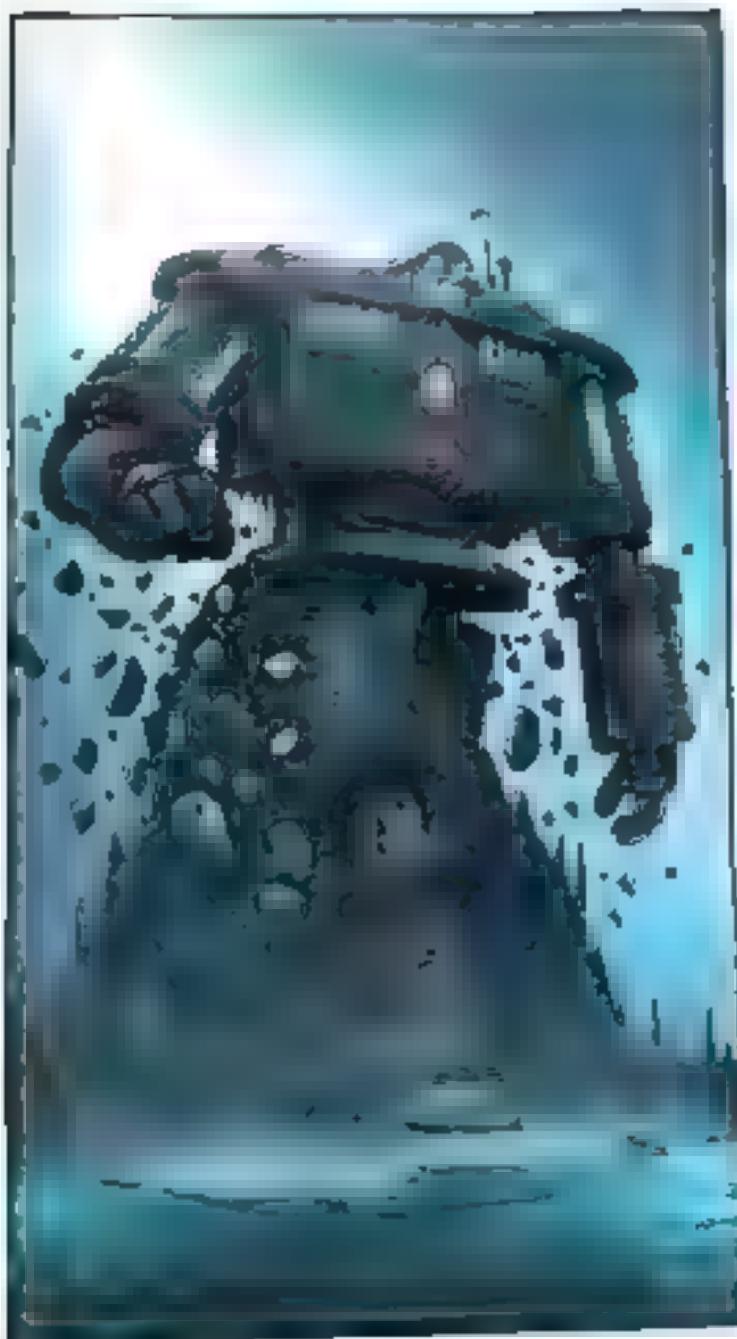


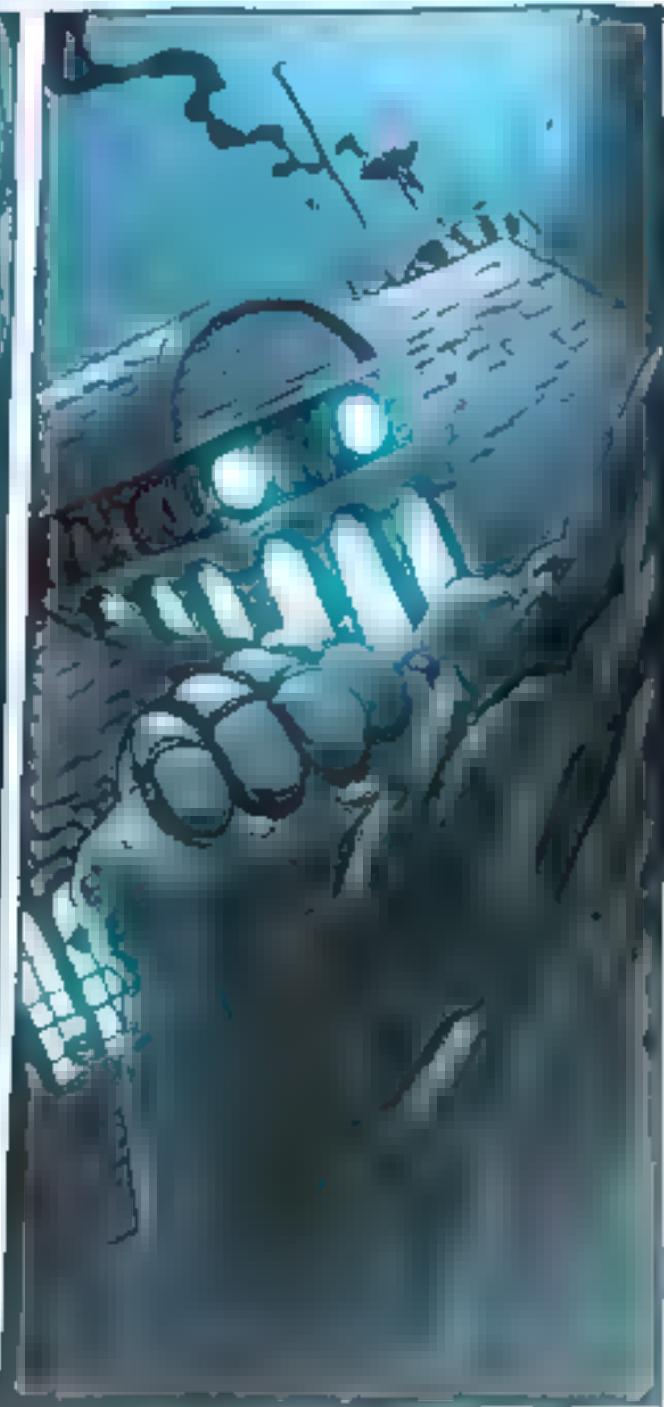
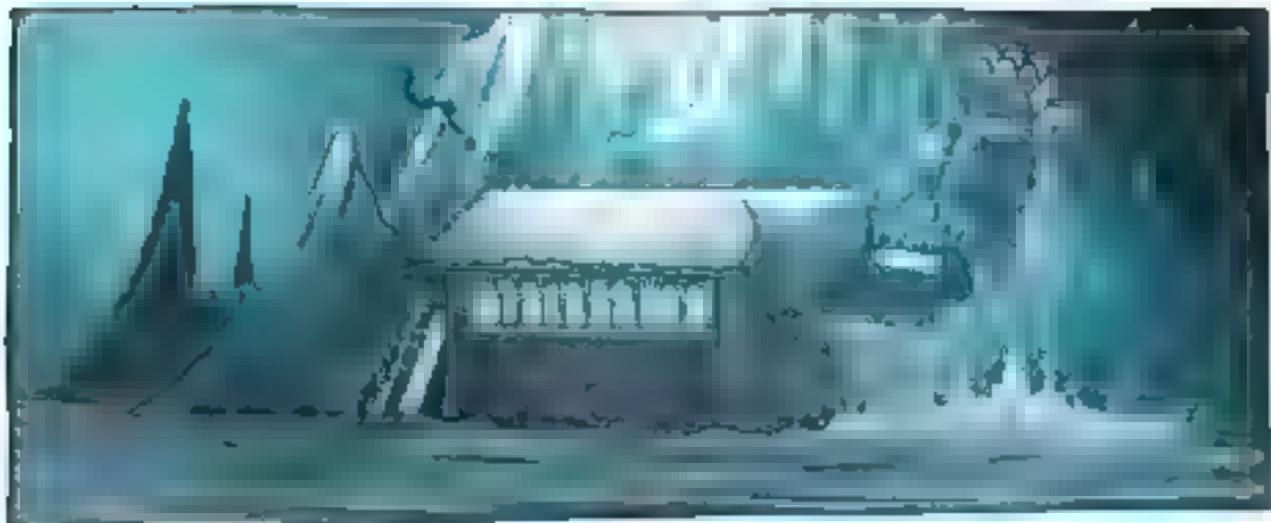
















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